Statuta

In parliamento apud westmonasterium tertio die Nouembris. Anno regni metuendissimi Anglie et Francie regis fidei defensoris ac domini Hibernie Henrici octaui vicesimo primo Tento. Bonum publicum concernentia.

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The kynge our ſouereigne lorde callyng to his bleſſed & moſt gracious remẽbraũce the daily & manyfold daũgers wherin his good & louyng ſubiectꝫ of this his realme of England do & may incurre by thynges done ꝓpetrated & cõmytted cõtrary to ꝯ ordre of his lawes hauyng alway tẽder ye/with mercy,ꝓyte,& cõpaſſion towarde hys ſayde ſubiectes,myndyng of his hygh goodnes & great benygnite,ſo alwayes to imparte the ſame vnto thẽ,as iuſtice beyng daily adminiſtred all rygour be excluded,& the great & benyuolẽt myndes of the kyngꝫ ſaide ſubiectes largely & many tymes apꝓoued towarde his hyghnes by cor̃eſpondẽce of gratitude requited of his mere mocion/benignyte,& liberalyte,by auctorite of his preſent parliament,hath gyuen & graũted his lyberal & free ꝓdon to his ſayd good & louyng ſubiectꝫ & to euery of thẽ to be had take & enioyned to & by thẽ & euery of thẽ by vertue of this ꝓſent act i maner & forme enſuenge. ¶ That is to wyt,ꝯ kynges highnes of his ſaid benignyte & hygh liberalyte is fully reſolutely cõſẽted and pleaſed ꝯ it be ordeyned,eſtabliſſhed,& enacted by auctorite of this his ſaid ꝓſẽt parliamẽt,ꝯ al & euery of his ſayd ſubiectes aſwel ſpirituall & tẽporall,ꝯ heyres,ſucceſſours,executours & adminiſtratours of thẽ & euery of thẽ,& al,& ſiguler bodyes in any maner of wyſe corꝓorat/cyties,boroughes/ſhyres,rydynges,hũdredꝫ,lathes,rapes,wapentakes,townes,vyllages/& thythyngꝫ,& euery of thẽ ꝯ ſucceſſours & ꝯ ſucceſſour of euery of thẽ ſhalbe by ꝯ auctorite of this ꝓſent parliamẽt/ acquyted,ꝓdoned,releaſed,& diſcharged agaynſt his hyghnes,his heirꝫ,ſucceſſours,& executours,& euery of thẽ of al & al maner offencꝫ/cõtẽptꝫ,treſpas,wrõges,& deceitꝫ,miſdemenours forfaptures,penaltꝫ,& ꝓfytꝫ,ſũmes of money,paynes of deth,& paynes of corꝓoral & pecuniary,& generally of al other thynges/ cauſes,quarels,ſutes,iugemẽtꝫ,& execucions in this ꝓſẽt act hereafter nat excepted nor forꝫ prꝫſed,which may be or cã be by his highnes in any wyſe or by any meane ꝓdoned,before & vnto ꝯ laſt day of ꝯ moneth of Octobre in ꝯ .xxi. yere of his moſt noble raygne,to euery of his ſayd ſubiectes bodies corꝓorate,cyties,boroughes,ſhyres,rydynges,hũdredꝫ,lathes,rapes,wapẽtakes,townes,vyllages & thythynges,or to any of thẽ. And alſo ꝯ kynges highnes is cõſẽted ꝯ it be enacted by auctorite of this ꝓſent parliamẽt,ꝯ this ſaid free ꝓdon ſhalbe as good & effectual in ꝯ law to euery of his ſayd ſubiectꝫ of this his realme & to al & euery of ꝯ ſaid bodies corꝓorat,cyties/boroughes,ſhyres,rydyngꝫ,hũdredꝫ lathes,rapes/ wapẽtakꝫ,townes,villages & thythyngꝫ,& to euery of thẽ by theſe generall wordꝫ before reherſed I al thynges which be not hereafter excepted,as ꝯ ſay ꝓdõ ſhulde haue ben if al offẽces,cõtẽpes,forfetours,cauſes,maters,ſutes,quarels,iudgemẽtes,execucions,penalties,& al other thinges nat hereafter excepted,had be ꝓcuiterly,ſyngulerly,ſpecially,& playnly ꝓdoned,named reherſed,& ſpecyfyed,by ꝓꝑe or expreſſe wordꝫ & names i theyr kyndes,natures,& qualites in wordes & termes theyr vnto requyſite in ꝯ ſaid ꝓdon,and ꝯ his ſayde ſubiectes nor any of thẽ theyr heyres,executours,or adminiſtratours,nor ꝯ heyres / executours,or

administratours of any of thē, nor any of ꝑ said bodies corporat, cyties, boroughs, shyres, tydings, hūdreds, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villags nor tythyng nor any of thē be sued, vexed, or inquieted i they bodyes, goods, lādes nor catels for any maner matter, cause, cōcept, mysdemeanour, forfeture, trespas, offece or any other thinge suffred, done or cōmytted, before the sayde last day of Octobre agaīst the kyngs highnes his crowne progatyf, lawes, statutes, or dignite. but only for such causes, maters & offeces, as be specially & playnly rehersed in the exceptiōs & forsyes i this plēt pdō hereaft mēcioned & for none other. Any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse or prescript heretofore had made or vsed, to ꝑ cōtrary in any wyse notwithstandyng. ¶ Also the kynges highnes of his bouteous liberalyte, by auctorite of this plēt pliamēt graūteth & frely geueth vnto his sayde subiects, & to euery of thē & to euery of ꝑ sayd bodies corporate, cyties, boroughs shyres, tydiges, hūdredes, lathes, wapentakes, townes, vyllages, & tythynges, & to euery of thē, al such goods, catels, fynes, issues, plites, amercemētes, forfeitures & sōmes of money, by any of thē forfeyted, which to his highnes do or shuld be long or apptepn by reasō of any offece, cōcepte, mysdemenour, trespas, matter cause, or quarel, suffred done, or cōmytted, by thē or any of thē, before ꝑ sayd last day of Octobre, which be nat hereaft specially & plainly forsyed & excepted in this plēt pdon. And ꝑ al & euery ꝑ kynges said subiectes, & al & euery bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, shyres, tydiges, hūdreds, lathes, rapes, wapētakes, townes villages, & tythynges, may by him self, or his, or they attourney, or attourneis plede & minister this plent act & fre pdō for his or they discharge of & for euery thynge ꝑ is therby pdoned without any fe or other thynge therfore in any wyse payenge to any plon or plons for pledynge, wrytyng, or entre of the iudgement or for any other cause cōcernyng the same, but only .xii.d. to the clerke ꝑ shal entre the plee, matter or iudgemēt, for his or they discharge in ꝑ behalfe. Any estatute or vse to the cōtrary notwithstādyng. And furthermore the kyngs highnes is cōtented ꝑ it be enacted by auctorite of this plent pliamēt, ꝑ his sayde fre pdon in al maner of courtes of his lawes, & els wher, shalbe reputed, demed & iudged allowed, & taken aswell in the wordes & clauses of the exceptions and for pryses specifyed in this plent pdon, & acte as i al & synguler the other clauses wordes & sētēce, rehersed & rehersed in the sayde fre pardon most beneficially & auailable to all & syngulers his sayd subiectes of this his realme, & to euery of the sayd bodyes corporated, cyties, boroughes, shyres, tydynges, hūdredes, lathes, rapes, wapētakes (townes, villages, & tythynges, & euery of thē and most strongly in barre, & discharge against his highnes, his heyres successours, & executours in euery thyng without obstacle chalēge or other delay what so euer it be to be made pleaded, abiected, or alleged, by the kyng our souereine lorde, his heyres, successours or executours, or by his or any of they generall attourney, or attourneis or by any other plon or plōs for his highnes, or any of his heires, successours or executours. ¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kyng our souereine lord, & by auctorite of this plent pliamēt, ꝑ if any officer or clerke of his hygh courtes, cōmonly called the kynges benche, chaūcery, & comon place or of his eschequer or any other officer, or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme after ꝑ feast of the natiuite of our lorde God next comyng, make out, or write out any mances of writes, or other proces, or any extractes, or other scriptes wherby any

perſon or pſons of his ſayd ſubiectes/or any of the ſayde bodies corporated/cy-
ties,boroughes/ſhyres/rydynges,hũdreds,lathes/rapes/wapẽtakes/townes
villages,& tythynges,or any of thẽ ſhalbe in any wyſe areſted,attached,diſtrai-
ned/ſõmoned/or otherwyſe vexed troubled/or greued in theyr bodies lãdes,te-
nemẽtes,goodes/or catels,or in any of thẽ/for,or becauſe of any maner of thyg
acquited/pdoned/releaſed,or diſcharged by this preſent act of free pdon/he ſo of-
fending & therof lawfully cõuycted/ſhal yelde & pay for recõpence therof to the
ptye ſo greued or offẽded/treble damages accõpted as well of thoſe damages/
all coſtes of the ſuyte. And neuertheleſſe all & ſynguler ſuch wrytes, peelle ex-
tractes,& preceptes made or to be made,for vpõ any maner thyng,acquitted,pãr
doned/releaſed,or diſcharged by this preſẽt acte of free pdon ſhalbe vtterly voyde
and of none effecte. ¶ Except alwayes & forprſed out of this pdon all maner of
high treaſon/all ꝓpenſed & voluntary murders/& all robberies of churches/&
robberies done vpõ mens pſons al other felonyes & robberies by ꝑ comon lawe
of felonous takyng of any money goodꝭ,or catels,aboue ꝑ value of.xx.ſ.al fe-
lonous byrnyng of houſes al carnal rauyſhmẽtes of women/al raſynges of re
yoꝛdes,al outlaries of hygh treaſon,& of all maner of felonies other thã felo-
nies to ꝑ ſayd value of.xx.ſ.or vnder ꝑ ſõme. ¶ And ꝑ al outlaries had or pro-
muiged vpõ or agaynſt any pſon or pſõs for any cauſe nat beyng treaſon,mur-
der,or felony,aboue ꝑ ſayd ſũme of.xx.ſ.to be pdoned by ꝑ generall woꝛdes of
this pdon aforſayd,ſo alway ꝑ ꝑ ſame pdons & euery of thẽ lãde to right to an
ſwere or ſatiſfye ꝑ pte at whoſe ſute he is outlawed accoꝛdig to ꝑ lawes of this
realme. ¶ Alſo excepted & forprſed out of this pdon al offẽces & cõtẽptes com-
mytted & done agaynſt ꝑ ſtatute or ſtatutes of puniõ & ꝑ munire,or any of thẽ
& all forfaytures & tyties ꝑ may growe to the kynges highnes by reaſon of any
of ꝑ ſame eſtatutes,& all tyties & accõs of quare impedit,& all rauyſhemẽtꝭ of
the kinges wardes,al waſtes of ꝑ kynges woodes in his forreſtes, parkes,or
chaſes,all cõcelymentes of cuſtomes & ſubſidies,al ryots,routes,& vnlawfull
aſſẽbles cõmitted & done aboue ꝑ nõbre of.xx.pſons. ¶ And alſo excepte & forp-
rſed out of this pdon,al iſſues & pfites,fines & other penalties,for incloſures
of landes & iſſues,pfites,fynes,& other penalties/for decays of houſes of huſ-
bandry if ꝑ the ſame incloſures be not reformed,& ꝑ landes put in tyllage or the
ſayd houſes nat reedified before ꝑ laſt day of Septẽbre next comynge. ¶ And
alſo except al maner of alienacõs & giftes ito mortmayn,or to chuſe of any ma
ner of mortmayn,& al intruſiõs,had,made,or done,in any maners,lãdes,tene-
mẽtes,or other hereditamẽtes lythen ꝑ feaſt of ſaĩt Mygbel ꝑ archãgel,whiche
was in ꝑ.xx.yere of ꝑ raigne of our ſayd ſouereame lord. ¶ And alſo all offẽces
cõmytted by diggyng downe or caſtynge downe of any croſſe or croſſes whiche
ſtode or were ſet i any comon or high way or ways,& al & ſynguler dettes other
thã dettes growe vpõ recogniſaũces beyng al redy forfeted for ſuerte of ꝑ peace
or for apparaũce at any day or place. ¶ And excepted & forprſed out of this p-
don all accõptes al accõs,iures,& ipericiõs for ꝑ ſame accẽptes & arrerages of
accõptꝭ,& for ꝑ ſaid dettꝭ or any of thẽ here by excepted & forprſed. Al homages
reliefſ,al wylful eſcapꝭ aſwel of cõtinꝭ as other,dettꝭ which were due to ꝑ moſt
noble kyng of famous memoꝛy kyng Henry ꝑ.viii.or to any pſon or perſons to
his vſe by any condempnacion,recogniſaunce,obligacyon or otherwyſe.

All ſ ſyngulet theſe forfaitours due to our ſouerraine lord kyng Henry ſ. viii. by any penal ſtatute or ſtatut ſ̄ which be cõuerted into ſ̄ nature of det by iugemẽt or by agremẽt of ſ̄ offendours before ſ̄ firſt day of this preſent parlyamẽt, and al forfetours and other penalties and paynes growen or due by reaſon of any offence or acte cõmitted or don cõtrary to any ſtatute or ſtatutes, or cõtrary to the comon lawe wherof any reſaure is made/or any informacion grauen in ſ̄ kynges eſchequer or any ſute ther cõmẽced before the ſayd firſt day of this parlyamẽt/or wherof the kyng ſ̄ highnes by his bill ſygned or otherwyſe heretofore hath made any gyfte or aſſignemẽt to any of his ſeruauntes, and alſo exempted al iſſues forfeted fynes, amercemẽtes, afferred, rated, ſet, extented, or iudged ſeuerally/and ſpecialtie, extendyng to the ſũme of .C.li. or above ſ̄ ſũme. And ſ̄ al and ſyngulier other fynes aſwel fynes (per licẽcia cõcordãdi) as other/and al other iſſues and amercemẽtes aſwell reall as other/which ſeuerally or ſpecialtie extende not to ſ̄ ſaid ſũme of .C.li. whither they be rotted or not rotted take to the charge of the ſheryffe, or not taken to his charge extented/or not extreated/whether they be ſworne into det or not det, and not brynge ſeuped nor eſcaped by any ſheryffes or ſheryffe/bayliffe/miniſters or other officers ſhall be fully clere and playnly pdoned and diſcharged againſte the kynge our ſouerraine lorde his heyres and ſucceſſours for euer. And it is further enacted by the auctorite afore ſayd ſ̄ in caſe it be obiected to any ſheryffe or ſheryffes/or other accõptes in the kynges court of eſchequer/or in any other his courtes/ſ̄ any ſheryffe or ſheryffes or other officers accomptaunt hath reſeyued or taken any ſuche fynes/iſſues or amercementes before pardoned releaſed and acquyted, that than euery ſuch ſheryffe and ſheryffes and other accomptauntes ſhalbe diſcharged/releaſed/pardoned/and acquyted therof by his or theyr othe, without any further trayall in that behalfe. God ſaue the kynge.

In acte that abiured perſons ſhalbe marked in the ryght hande with the ſygne of an A. Cap. ii.

BE it enacted by the kyng our ſouerraine lord and the lordes ſpiritual and tẽporall, and the comõs in this preſent parlyament aſſẽbled and by auctorite of the ſame/ſ̄ yf any perſon take ſentuary in any church churchyarde or other holy place/for felonye or murder/where he ought by the lawes and cuſtomes of this realme to haue his abiuracion for ſ̄ ſame, ſ̄ than ſ̄ ſame felon or murder ſhal take his abiuracion and paſſage out of the ſame churche/churchyarde, or other holy place, at ſuch tyme as ſhalbe inioyned to hi by ſ̄ coroner of the ſhyre or plate wherl he taketh ſuch ſentuary and ſ̄ the coroner immediatly after his cõfeſſiõ and before his abiuracyon ſhal cauſe euery ſuche felon or murderer to be marked vpõ hote yrõ vpõ ſ̄ braune of ſ̄ thõbe of ſ̄ right hãde vpõ the ſigne of an A. to ſ̄ entẽt he may be ſ̄ better knowen amonge ſ̄ kyngs ſubiectes ſ̄ he was abiured. And thã to gyue him abiuracion, and to be vſed in al other thynges as hath ben accuſtomed. And ſ̄ all mayres/bayliffes, and cõſtables ſhalbe attendaũt at ſ̄ cõmaũdemẽt of the coroner for the due execution therof, as they wyl anſwere at theyr perrels to the kyngs highnes for the ſame. And yf any felon or murderer ſ̄ ought to haue any ſuche abiuracion refuſe to take his paſſage out of ſ̄ ſayd ſentuary at ſuch tyme as ſhalbe inioyned to him by ſ̄ ſayd coroner ſ̄ thã ſ̄ ſayd felon or murderer ſo refuſyng/ſhal loſe ſ̄ benefite of ſ̄ ſame ſentuary and be taken out of the ſame and cõpted to perſon, and further to be ordred for

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his offence after his mesytes without any restitution or sentwaryt for the same.

¶ An acte concernynge abrydgementes of playntyffes in assyse. Ca. iii.

FOr as moch as allies which haue ben thought ꝑ moste spedy remedy, be now by accion of pleading of many barres to mooytes, & ꝑties of the landes put in vewe & playnt, greatly delayed for difficulties & diuision of pledig. And one cause therof is, because ꝑ playntyffes in ꝑ assise, in such pleas to mooties/ & ꝑties cā nat by the lawe abrydge theyr plaites. For remedy wherof, be it enacted that the plaintife i euery assyse hereafter may at his pleasure sewer & abrydge his plait, of any ꝑte or partes wherunto any barre is pleded, i suche lyke maner/as he or they myght do i case the pleas in barre had be made & deuyded to any certaynte or of nōbre of actes in the playnt. And ꝑ the plait for the residue of the ꝑte or ꝑtes of the lādes nat abrydged shalbe & stande good & effectual i the lawe.

¶ An act cōcerning the sale of lādes by the executours of the testamēts. Ca. iiii.

WHere as diuers lōdyr plōs before this tyme, hauing other plōs sealed to theyr vses, of & i lādes, & other hereditamēts, to & for ꝑ declaracion of theyr wylls haue by theyr last wylls & testamētes wylled & declared such theyr said lāds tēmēts or other hereditamēts, to be sold by theyr executours, as wel to & for ꝑ paumēts of theyr dettes, ꝓfozmāce of theyr legacies necessary & cōuenient fyndig of theyr wyues decently bryngyng vp, & auancement of theyr children to mariage as also for other charitable dedes to be don & executed by theyr executours for ꝑ helth of theyr soules. And nat withstādig such trust & cōfidēce so by thē put i theyr said executours, it hath oftymes ben sene where such last wylls & testamēts of such lādes tēmēts, & other hereditamēts hath ben declared & i ꝑ same diuers executours named & made, ꝑ aft ꝑ decease of such testatour, some of ꝑ same executours wyllig to accōplisshe ꝑ trust & cōfidēce ꝑ they were put in by ꝑ said testatour, haue accepted & take vpō thē charge of ꝑ said testamēt, & haue ben redy to fulfyl & ꝓfozme al thigs cōteyned i ꝑ same, & ꝑ residue of ꝑ same executours vncharitably cōtrary to ꝑ trust ꝑ they were put i, haue refused to intermedle i any wyse wt ꝑ execucio of ꝑ said wyl & testamēt, or wt the sale of such lādes so wylled to be sold by ꝑ testatour. And for as much as a bargayn & sale of such lādes tēmētes, or other hereditamētes so wylled by any plō to be sold by his executours aft his decease aft the oppinō of diuers plōs cā in no wyse be good or effectual in ꝑ law, onles ꝑ same bargayn & sale be made by ꝑ hole nōbre of ꝑ executours named to & for ꝑ same by realō wherof aswel ꝑ dettes of such testatour hath rested vnpayed & vnfastlyed to the greate daūger & parel of the soules of such testatours & to ꝑ great hynderāce, & many tymes to ꝑ vtt vndoing of theyr creditours. As also ꝑ legacies bequeth made by ꝑ testatour to his wyfe, chyldr & for other charitable dedes to be don for ꝑ welth of ꝑ soule of ꝑ same testatour ꝑ made ꝑ same testamt hath ben also vnfozmed, aswell vnto the extreme mysery of the wyfe & chyldren of ꝑ sayd testatour, as also vnto the let of ꝓfozmāce of other charitable dedes for the welth of the soule of ꝑ sayd testatour, to ꝑ displeasure of almyghty god. ¶ For the remedy wherof be it enacted ordeyned, & stablysshed, by the auctorite of this ꝑsent pliamēt, ꝑ where parte of ꝑ executours named i any such testamt of any such plon so makyng or declaryng any such wyll of any lādes, tenemētes or other hereditamētes to be sold by his executours, aft ꝑ deth of any such testatour do refuse to take vpō hym or thē the administracion & charge of ꝑ same testamt & last wyl, wherin they be so named to be executours &

the reſydue of the ſame executours do accept & take vpō thē the cure & charge of ſame teſtatē & laſt wyl/ & then al bargaynes & ſales of ſuch landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, ſo wylled to be ſolde by the executours of any ſuch teſtatour/as well heretofore made, as hereafter to be made by hym or them or any of ſ ſayd executours ſ ſo doth accept. or ſ here tofore hath accepted & taken vpō him or thē any ſuch cure or charge of adminiſtracion of any ſuch wyl or teſtamēt ſhalbe good & as effectual in ſ law, as if all ſ reſydue of ſ ſame executours named in ſ ſame ſaid teſtamēt, ſo refuſyng ſ adminiſtracō of ſ ſame teſtamēt had ioyned wt̄ him or thē in ſ makyng of ſ bargayn & ſale of ſuch lādes, tenemēts or other hereditamētes ſo wylled to be ſolde by theyr executours of any ſuch teſtatour which heretofore hath made or declared, or ſ hereafter ſhal make or declare any ſuch wyl of any ſuch lādes, tēres, or other hereditamēts after his decreaſe to be ſolde by his executours. ¶ Prouided alway ſ this act ſhal not extēde to gyue power or auctorite to any executour or executours at any tyme hereafter to bargayn or put to ſale any lādes tenemētes, or hereditamētes, by vertu & auctorite of any wyll or teſtament heretofore made, otherwyſe than they myght do by the coucte of the comen lawe afore the makyng of this acte.

¶ An acte concernyng probate of teſtamentes. Cap. v.

WHere in ſ parlyamēt holden at Weſtmynſter in ſ. xxi. yere of ſ raygne of the noble king of famous memory, Edward ſ. iii. vpō ſ cōplaint of his people for ſ outragio⁹ & greuous fynes & ſōmes of money taken by the miniſters of byſſhops, & of other ordinaries of holy churth for the probate of teſtamētes, & for ſ acquitaūces by the ſayd ordinaries to be made cōcernyng the ſame, the ſayd noble kyng in ſ ſame parlyamēt openly charged & cōmaūded the archbyſſhop of Caūterbury, & the other byſſhops for ſ tyme beyng ſ amēdemēt therof ſhuld be had. And if none amēdement were therof had, it was by ſ auctorite of the ſame parlyamēt accorded ſ the kyng therof ſhuld make enquery by his iuſtices of ſuch oppſſion & extorciōs. And ſ the ſame iuſtices ſhuld here & determyne thē alwel at the ſute of the kyng as of the party as of olde tyme hathe ben vſed, as by ſ ſame eſtatute playnly appereth. And where at ſ parlyamēt holden at Weſtm. in ſ. iii. yere of ſ raygne of king Henry ſ. v. it was reſited ſ the cōmons of ſ realme had often cōplayned thē in diuers parlyamēts of ſ, that diuers ordinaryes take for ſ probacion of teſtamēts & other thinges therunto belongyng, ſom-tyme. xl. s. ſom-tyme. lx. s. & ſom-tyme more agaynſt ryght & iuſtice where in tyme of king Edward ſ. iii. men were wōt to pay for ſuch cauſes but. ii. s. vi. d. or. v. s at ſ moſt, by which vnlawful exactiōs ſ teſtamēts of ſ teſtatours myght nat be executed accordyng to theyr laſt wylles. It was thē enacted for ſ auoydynge of ſuch oppſſiōs, ſ no ordynary fro thenforth ſhuld take for ſ probacion of any teſtamēt & inuentory/or for any other thynges to ſ ſame belongyng any more thā was accuſtomed & vſed in ſ tyme of ſ ſayd noble kynge Edwarde ſ thyrde, vpō payn to yelde to ſ party ſo greued thre tymes as moch as ſ ſayde ordynaries dyd ſo receyue/which act dyd endure but to ſ next parlyamēt folowyng by reaſō ſ the ordinaries dyd thā ymple to reforme & amēde ſ ſayde oppſſiōs, & exactiōs. And for ſ that ſ ſaid vnlawfull exactiōs of the ſayde ordinaries & theyr miniſters be nothyng reformed nor amended, but greatly augmēted & encreaſed againſt ryght and iuſtice, and to the great ſuperexpilyng of the kynges ſubiectes.

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The kyng our ſouereine lorde by ꝯ aſſẽt of the lordes ſpirituall & tẽporall & ꝯ comõs i this preſent parliamẽt aſſembled, & by auctorite of ꝯ ſame hath ordeyned, eſtabliſſhed & enacted, ꝯ frõ ꝯ fyrſt day of Aprill in ꝯ yere of our lorde .M.v.C.xxx. ꝯ nothyng ſhalbe demaũded, receyued, or take by any biſſhop, ordinary, archdeacon, chaũcellour, cõmiſſary, official, nor any other maner of ꝑſõ or ꝑſõs what ſo euer they be, which nowe haue or which at any tyme hereafter ſhal haue any auctorite & power to take or receyue ꝓbacion, inſinuacion, or approbacion of teſtament or teſtamẽtꝭ by hym ſelfe or thẽ ſelfe, or by his or theyr regiſters, ſcribes, prayers, cõmoners, apparatours, or by any other of theyr miniſters, for the ꝓbacion/inſinuacion, & approbacion of any teſtament or teſtamẽtꝭ, or for wrytyng, ſealyng, prayſyng, regiſtryng, kyne makyng of inuentaryes, gruyng of acquitaunces/or for any other maner of cauſe cõcernyng ꝯ ſame, where ꝯ goodꝭ of the teſtatour of ꝯ ſaid teſtamẽt, or ꝑſon ſo dyenge do nat amoũt clerely ouer & aboue the value of an .C.li. ſterlyng, except onely te ſcribe to haue for wrytyng of the ꝓbate of ꝯ teſtamẽt of him deceaſed, whoſe goodꝭ ſhal not be aboue ꝯ ſame clere value of an .C.li.vi.ſ. & for the cõmiſſion of miniſtracion of ꝯ goodꝭ of any mã deceaſyng in teſtate nat beig aboue lyke value of .C.li. clere & .vi.ſ. & ꝯ neuertheles ꝯ biſſhop ordinary, or other ꝑſon or ꝑſons, hauyng power or auctorite to take or receyue the ꝓbacion or approbacion of the teſtamẽtꝭ, refuſe not to approue any ſuch teſtament beyng lawfully tẽded or offred to thẽ to be proued or approued, wherof ꝯ goodes of the teſtatour or ꝑſon ſo dyeng amoũt nat aboue the value of an .C.li. ſterlynges, ſo ꝯ the ſayd teſtamẽt be exhybyted to hym or thẽ in wrytyng wherin ware there vnto affyxed redy to be ſealed, and ꝯ the ſame teſtament be lawfully ꝓued before the ſame ordinary before the ſealyng, to be true/hole, and laſt teſtament of the ſame teſtatour, ſuch forme as hath ben cõmõly accuſtomed in ꝯ behalfe.

And whan the goodes of the teſtatour doth amoũt ouer and aboue the clere value of an .C.li. & do not excede the ſũme of .xl.li. ſterlyng, ꝯ than no biſſhop/ordinary, nor other ꝑſon or ꝑſõs what ſo euer he or they be, nowe hauyng or which hereafter ſhal haue auctorite to take ꝓbacion or approbacion of any teſtament or teſtamẽtes as is aforeſayd, by thẽ ſelfe, nor any of theyr ſaid regiſters ſcribes, prayſers, cõmoners, apparatours, nor any other theyr miniſters, for the ꝓbacion, inſinuacion, and approbacion, of any teſtament or teſtamentes/or for the regyſtryng, ſealyng, wrytynge, prayſing, makyng of inuentaryes, gruyng of acquytaunces/fynes, or any other thynge concernyng the ſame, ſhall take or cauſe to be taken of any perſon or perſons, but onely .iii.li.vi.ſ. and not aboue/wherof to be to the ſayd biſſhop or ordinary, or any other perſon or perſons hauyng power and auctorite to take the ꝓbacion or approbacion of any teſtamẽt or teſtamentes for him & his miniſters .ii.s. and .vi.ſ. and nat aboue, and .xii.ſ. reſedue of the ſayd .iii.li.vi.ſ. to be to the ſcribe for the regiſtrynge of the ſame. And where the goodes of the teſtatour or perſon or perſons ſo dyeng do amoũt ouer & aboue the clere value of .xl.li. ſterlynge, ꝯ than the biſſhop nor ordynary nor other perſon or perſons nowe hauynge, or which hereafter ſhall haue auctorite or power to take ꝓbate of teſtamẽtes, as afore is ſayd by him or thẽ ſelfe, nor any of his or theyr ſaid regyſters/ſcribes, prayers, cõmoners, apparatours or any other theyr mynyſters, for the ꝓbacion, inſynuacyon / and approbacion of any teſtamẽt or teſtamẽtes, or for the regyſtrynge, ſealynge, wrytynge, prayſynge/

ſynge,makyng of inuentuaryes,fynes,gruyng of acquytaūces,or any thynge
concernyng ꝑ ſame ꝓbate or teſtament, ſhal frō the ſayd fyrſt day of Apryl take
or cauſe to be taken of any perſon or ꝑſons,but only.v.ſ.q nat aboue, wherof
to be to the ſayd byſſhop,ordinary,or other perſon hauing power to take ꝑ ꝓba-
cion of ſuch teſtamentꝫ or teſtamētes for hym q his miniſters.ii.ſ.vi.d.q nat
aboue,q.ii.ſ.vi.d.reſydue of ꝑ ſaid.v.ſ.to be to the ſcribe for regyſtryng of the
ſame,or els the ſame ſcrybe to be at his liberte to refuſe thoſe.ii.ſ.q.vi.d.and to
demaūde q haue for writyng of euery.x.lynes of the ſame teſtamēt,wherof eue-
ry lyne to conteyne in length.x.ynches.i.d.And ꝑ euery ſuch biſſhop or ordinary
q other perſon or ꝑſōs ſo hauyng or which hereafter ſhal haue auctorite or power
to take or receyue the ꝓbacion or approbacion of any teſtamēt or teſtamentꝫ as
is aboue ſayd theyr regiſters,ſcrybes,q miniſters,ſhal approue,inſinuate,ſeale,
and regiſter frō tyme to tyme the ſaid teſtamētes,q delyuer the ſame ſeale with
the ſeale of theyr offyce to the executours named in any ſuche teſtamentes for ꝑ
ſayd ſōme or ſōmes aboue ſayd,q in maner and fourme as is aboue reherſed,to
delyuer it with conuenīēt ſpede, without any fruſtratory delay. And in caſe any
perſon dye inteſtate or ꝑ the executours named in any ſuch teſtamētes,refuſe to
proue the ſayd teſtament,Than ꝑ ſayd ordinary or other ꝑſon or ꝑſons hauing
auctorite to take ꝓbate of teſtamētes,as is aboue ſayd,ſhal graunt the admini-
ſtracion of ꝑ goodes of the teſtatour or ꝑſon deceaſed to the wydowe of ꝑ ſame
ꝑſon deceaſed,or to the next of his kyn,or to both,as by ꝑ diſcrecion of the ſame
ordinary ſhalbe through good takyng ſuerty of hym or thē to whō ſhalbe made
ſuch cōmiſſion for true adminiſtracion of the goodꝫ,catels,q dettes which he or
they ſhalbe ſo auctoryſed to miniſter. And in caſe where diuers ꝑſons clame the
adminiſtracion as next of kyn which be egal in degre of kynred to the teſtatour
or ꝑſon deceaſed,q where any perſon only deſyreth ꝑ adminiſtracion as nexte of
kynne,where in dede diuers pſōs be in equalyte of kynred,as is aforſayd. Thā
in euery ſuch caſe the ordinary to be at his electiō q liberty to accept any one or
mo makyng requeſt where diuers do requyre the adminiſtracion. Or where but
one or more of thē,q nat all beyng in equalyte of degre do make requeſt,than ꝑ
ordinary to admit the wydowe q him or thē only makyng requeſt,or any one of
thē at his pleaſure,takyng nothynge for the ſame,onles the goodes of the ꝑſon
ſo deceaſed,amoūt aboue the value or ſōme of an.C.ſ. And in caſe the goodes of
the ꝑſon ſo deceſed amoūt aboue the value of an.C.ſ.q nat aboue the value or
ſōme of.xl.ſ. Than the ſayd byſſhop,ordinary,or other ꝑſon or pſōs ſo hauing
auctorite to take ꝓbate of teſtamētes as is aforſayd,theyr miniſters or officers
ſhal take only.ii.ſ.vi.d.ſterlyng q nat aboue,q ꝑ the executour q executours na-
med by the teſtatour or perſon ſo deceſed,or ſuch other ꝑſon or ꝑſons, to whom
ſuche adminiſtracion ſhalbe cōmytted, where any perſon dyeth inteſtate, or by
way of inteſtate,callyng or takyng to him or thē ſuch perſon or perſons,two at
the leaſt,to whom the ſayd perſons ſo dyenge was indebted,or made any legacy
and vpon theyr refuſel or abſence.ii.other honeſt perſons beyng next of kynne to
the ꝑſon ſo dyeng,q in theyr defaut or abſence.ii.other honeſt perſons,q in theyr
preſence,and by theyr diſcrecyons, ſhall make or cauſe to be made a treiwe and
perfyte inuentory of all the goodes,catels,wares,marchaundyſes,as wel mo-
uable as nat mouable,what ſo euer that were of the ſayde perſon ſo deceaſed/q

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the same shal retayne to be inacted, wherof the oppynyon shalbe þ̄ þ̄ said executour or executours, administratour or administratours, vpon his or theyr othe or othes to be take̅ before þ̄ said bisshops, ordinaryes, theyr officials, or cōmissaries, or other person hauyng power to take ꝓbate of testamētes vp̄on the holy Euangelist to be good & true, & the same soo parte entered shal þ̄rof & deliuer into þ̄ keping of the said bisshop, ordinary, or ordynaryes, as other p̄son hauyng power to take ꝓbate of testamentes, & the other parte therof to remayne with the said executour, or executours, administratour or administratours, & þ̄ bisshop ordynary, or other what so euer p̄son, hauyng auctorite to take ꝓbate of testament or testamentes as is aboue said, vp̄on the payne in this statute herafter contayned, refuse to take any such inuentory, or inuentoryes to him or them offred or tended to be deliuered as is afore said. ¶ Prouyded alwayes þ̄ if þ̄ p̄son so deceased wyl by his testamēt or last wyl, any lādes, tenementes, or hereditamētes to be solde þ̄ the money therof coming, nor þ̄ plates of þ̄ said lādes, for any tyme to be take̅ shal not be accōpted as any of the goodes or catals of the said p̄son so deceased, & þ̄ the same bysshop, ordinary or other p̄son or p̄sons hauyng auctorite to take ꝓbate of testamēt or testamētes as is aforesayd vp̄on the deliuere of þ̄ seale and sygne of the testatour, do cause þ̄ same seale to be defaced, & therupō incontynent redelyuer þ̄ same seale vnto þ̄ said executour or executours, without clayme or chalenge therto be made, & in case any p̄son or p̄sons at any tyme hereafter shal requere a copy or coppes of þ̄ said testamētes so ꝓued, or of þ̄ said inuentory so made, þ̄ the þ̄ said ordinary or ordynaryes, & the other p̄sōs hauing auctorite to take ꝓbate of testamētes or theyr ministers, shal frō tyme to tyme w̄ conuenient spede without any frustratory delay, deliuer or cause to be deliuered a true copy or copies of þ̄ same to þ̄ said p̄son or p̄sōs so demaūdyng, the or any of them takyng for þ̄ serch & for þ̄ makyng of þ̄ copy of eyther of þ̄ said testamēt or inuentory, but only such fee as is before rehersed for þ̄ registryng of þ̄ saide testamēt/or els þ̄ scribe or registrer to be at his electiō & libertie to demaūde haue, & take for euery .C. lynes therof beyng of the ꝓporciō before rehersed. ¶ Prouided alway þ̄ wher any p̄son or p̄sōs hauing power or auctorite to take ꝓbate of testamētes, haue vsed to take lesse sōmes of money thā is aboue sayd for þ̄ ꝓbate of testamētes, or cōmissiōs of administratiōs or other cause cōcernynge the same, shall take & receyue such sōme or sōmes of money for þ̄ ꝓbate of testamētes & cōmissiōs of þ̄ administratiōs, & other causes cōcerning þ̄ same as they before þ̄ makyng of this act haue vsed to take, & nat aboue. ¶ And it is enacted þ̄ euery bisshop/ ordinary, archedeken, chaūcellour, cōmissary, official, & other p̄sō & p̄sōs hauing or þ̄ which herafter shal haue auctorite to take ꝓbate of testamētes, theyr registers, scribes, prayers, sōmoners, apparatours, & al other theyr ministers what so euer they be, þ̄ shal do, or attēpt, or cause to be don & attēpted against this act or ordynaunce in any thing shal forfeyt & lose for euery tyme so offēding to þ̄ p̄tie greued the þ̄ behalf, so moch money as any such p̄sō aboue said shal take cōtrary to this p̄sent act. And ouer þ̄ shal lose & forfayt .x.li. sterlyng, whereof þ̄ one moyte shalbe to þ̄ king our souerayne lord, & þ̄ other moyte to þ̄ p̄tie greued in þ̄ behalf, þ̄ wyl sue by acciō of det, byl, informaciō, or otherwyse, in any of þ̄ kings courtes for þ̄ recouere of þ̄ same in which acciō no essoyn ꝓtectiō nor wager of law shalbe admitted or alowed And þ̄ euery of þ̄ same bisshops & other p̄sōs, which shal herafter iourne & sal ito

the daūgers of ſuch penaltie or forfayture ſhalbe charged only by him ſelfe and none of thē to be chargeable to ꝑ penaltie for other offēce. ¶ Prouided alwaye ꝓ this preſt acte be not hyndriall to any ordinary or any other ꝑſon, whiche nowe haue, or hereafter ſhal haue auctorite for proue of teſtamēts, but ꝓ euery of the ſhal may cōme before thē al ꝑ euery ꝑſō or ꝑſōs made ꝑ named executour or executours of any teſtamēt, by ꝓ intēt to ſue or refuſe ꝓ teſtamēt or teſtamētes of theyr teſtatour or teſtatours, ꝑ to bryng in inuētaries, ꝑ to do euery other thig cōcernyng ꝓ ſame, as they myght do before ꝓ makyng of this acte, ſo ꝓ alwayes any ſuch ordenary, or other perſon or perſons hauynge ſuche auctorite by them ſelfe, theyr cōmyſſaryes, ſcrybes, regiſtres, or other myniſters aforeſayd ſhal not in any wyſe take for the ſame aboue ꝓ fees ſymptted by this acte, ne in any wyſe attempte any thynge cōtrary to any parte of the ſame acte.

An acte cōcernyng takyng of mortuaryes. Ca. bi.

FOr as moch as queſtyon, ambyguyte, ꝑ doute, is chaūced ꝑ ryſen vpon the worde, manet, ꝑ fourme of demaūdyng, receyuynge, ꝑ clayming of Mortuaryes, other wyſe called (Corſe preſentes) as well for ꝓ greatnes ꝑ value of ꝓ ſame which as hath lately ben take, is thought ouer exceſſiue to ꝓ poore people ꝑ other ꝑſōs of this realme, as alſo for ꝓ ſuch mortuaryes or Corſe preſentꝭ haue ben demaūded ꝑ leuyed for ſuch as at ꝓ tyme of theyr deth haue had no ꝑparte in any goodes or catelis. And many tymes for waſtyng, trauelyng men, in ꝓ places where they haue fortuned to dye, to ꝓ entent ꝓ all doute, cōtencion ꝑ incertaynte herein may be remoued, ꝑ as well ꝓ generalyte of ꝓ kynges people therin remedyed, as alſo the ꝑſons, vycars, parſhe prieſtes curates, ꝑ other hauynge intereſt in ſuch Mortuaries ꝑ Corſe preſentꝭ indifferently puyded for. ¶ Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned ꝑ eſtabliſſhed, by ꝓ kyng our ſouerayne lord ꝑ the lordes ſpirituall ꝑ temporall, ꝑ the comons of this parlyament aſſembled, ꝑ by auctorite of the ſame, ꝓ from ꝓ firſt day of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde god. M. v. C. ꝑ. xxi. no perſon, vycar, curate, nor parſhe preeſt, ne any other ſpirituall perſon/ nor theyr fermours, baylifꝭ nor ſeſſes, ſhall take receyue, or demaūde of any perſon or ꝑſons within this realme for any perſon or ꝑſōs dyenge within the ſame any manet mortuary or Corſe preſent, ne any ſōme or ſōmes of money ne any other thyng for the ſame, more than is hereafter mēcioned. ¶ He alſo ſhall cōuent or call any ꝑſon or ꝑſons before any iudge ſpirituall for ꝓ recouer of any ſuche mortuaries or corſe preſēts, or any other thynge for ꝓ ſame more than is herafter mēcioned, vpō payne to forfayte for euery tyme ſo demaūdynge, receyuyng, takynge, or cōuentynge, or callyng any ſuche perſon or ꝑſōs, before any ſpirituall iudge to moche in value as they ſhall take aboue ꝓ ſōme ſymptted by this acte. And ouer ꝓ. xl. ſ. to ꝓ pty greued cōtrary to this acte, for ꝓ whiche forfayture ꝓ partie ſo greued cōtrary to this acte, ſhall haue an action of det, by, wryte, byll, playnt or information in any of ꝓ kyngꝭ courtꝭ wherin no wager of lawe, eſſoyn, nor protection ſhalbe alowed. ¶ Fyrſt it is ordeyned, eſtabliſſhed ꝑ enacted, ꝓ no maner of mortuary ſhalbe take or demaūded of any perſon, what ſo euer he be, which at ꝓ tyme of his deth hath in mouable goodꝭ vnder ꝓ value of x. marke. ☞ Alſo ꝓ no mortuary ſhalbe gyuen, aſked, or demaūded frōhenſforth of any manet ꝑſon, but only in ſuch place where here tofore mortuaries haue ben vſed to be payde ꝑ gyuen ꝑ in thoſe places non otherwyſe but after ꝓ rate ꝑ fourme

hereafter

hereafter mẽcioned. Ne ꝑ any plõs pay any moꝛtuaries in moꝛe places thã one ꝑ is to say, in ꝑ place of theyꝛ moſt dwellyng & habitacion, & there but one moꝛtuary. Noꝛ no ꝑſon, vycar, curate, paryſh prieſt, oꝛ other ſhall foꝛ any plõ dyeng oꝛ dede, & beynge at ꝑ tyme of his deth, of ꝑ value in mouable goodꝭ of .x. marke oꝛ moꝛe clerely, aboue his dettes payde, & vnder ꝑ ſũme of .xxx.li. take foꝛ a moꝛtuary aboue .iii.ſ. iiii.d. in ꝑ hole. And foꝛ a ꝑſon beyng oꝛ dede beyng at ꝑ tyme of his deth, of ꝑ value of .xxx.li. oꝛ aboue clerely, aboue his dettes payde in mouable goodes, & vnder ꝑ value of .xl.li. there ſhal no moꝛe be take oꝛ demaũded foꝛ a moꝛtuary than .vi.ſ. viii.d. in ꝑ hole, & foꝛ any ꝑſon dyeng oꝛ dede, beyng at ꝑ tyme of his deth, of ꝑ value in mouable goodes of .x.li. oꝛ aboue to any ſomme/ what ſo euer it be clerly, aboue his dettꝭ payed, therſhalbe no moꝛe take, payde/ oꝛ demaunded foꝛ a moꝛtuary than .x.ſ. in the hole. ¶ Pꝛouyded alway ꝑ foꝛ no woman beynge couert baron noꝛ chylde, ne foꝛ any ꝑſon nat keppyng houſe any maner moꝛtuarye be payde, ne ꝑ any ꝑſon, vycar curate, paryſhe prieſte oꝛ other alike, demaũde, oꝛ take, foꝛ any ſuch woma, chylde, oꝛ foꝛ any ꝑſon nat keppynge houſe, dyenge oꝛ dede, any maner thynge oꝛ money by way of moꝛtuary/ ne alſo foꝛ any wayfarynge man oꝛ other ꝑ dwelleth nat ne maketh reſydẽce in ꝑ place where they ſhal happen to dye but ꝑ the moꝛtuary of ſuch wafaryng per ſõs be anſwerable in places where moꝛtuaryes be accuſtomed to be payde/ & in maner & fourme, & after ꝑ rate before mencioned, & none otherwyſe in ꝑ place oꝛ places, where ſuch wayfarynge plõs at ꝑ tyme of theyꝛ deth had theyꝛ moſt habytacion, houſe, & dwellyng places, & no where els. ¶ Pꝛouided alway ꝑ it ſhal be lefull to all maner of plõs. vycars, curatꝭ, paryſhe prieſtes, & other ſpirituall plõs, to take & receyue any maner ſõme of money oꝛ other thyng whiche by any ꝑſon dyeng ſhal foꝛtune to be diſpoſed, gyuen oꝛ bequethed vnto thẽ, oꝛ any of thẽ, oꝛ to ꝑ high auiter of ꝑ churche. This act oꝛ any thyng therin mẽcioned nat withſtãdyng. And be it alſo enacted by ꝑ auctoꝛite aforeſayd ꝑ no moꝛtuaryes/ noꝛ coꝛſe plẽtes, ne any ſõme oꝛ ſõmes of money, oꝛ other thyng foꝛ any moꝛtuary oꝛ coꝛſe plẽt ſhalbe demaũded, take, receyued, oꝛ had in ꝑ ꝓties of Wales, noꝛ in ꝑ marches of ꝑ ſame, noꝛ in ꝑ towne of Caleys, oꝛ Berwyke noꝛ marches of ꝑ ſame, but only i ſuch ꝓties & places of Wales, marches & townꝭ aforeſayd where moꝛtuaryes hath ben accuſtomed to be take & payd. And in thoſe ꝓties & places no moꝛtuaries oꝛ coꝛſe plẽtes/ ne any other thyng foꝛ moꝛtuary, oꝛ coꝛſe, plẽt/ kõhenſoꝛth ſhalbe demaũded, taken, receyued, oꝛ had, but only after ꝑ fourme, oꝛdre, & maner aboue ſpecified in this ꝓſent acte, & none otherwyſe, nꝛ of any other perſon oꝛ perſones than is ſpecyfyed by this ꝓſent acte, vpon the payne aboue cõteyned in this ꝓſent acte. ¶ Pꝛouyded alſo that it ſhalbe lefull to the byſſhops of Bangour, Langaffe, ſayne Dauyes, & ſayne Aſſe, & lykewyſe to the archedeken of Cheſter, to take ſuch moꝛtuaryes of the ꝓrieſtes within theyꝛ dyoces and iuriſdiccyons as here tofoꝛe haue ben accuſtomed.

¶ Pꝛouyded alſo ꝑ in ſuch places where moꝛtuaryes haue ben accuſtomed to be taken of leſſe value than is aforeſayd ꝑ no ꝑſon ſhalbe cõpelled to pay in any ſuch place any other moꝛtuary, oꝛ moꝛe foꝛ any moꝛtuary than hath ben accuſtomed, ne ꝑ any moꝛtuary, in ſuche place ſhalbe demaũded, taken, receyued, oꝛ had of any perſon oꝛ perſons exempte by this acte, noꝛ in any wyſe contrary to this acte vpon the payne aboue ſpecyfyed.

¶ In acte agaynst seruauntes imbeselyng theyr maysters goodes. Cap. viii.

WHere before this tyme dyuers, aswel noble men as other the kynges subiectes haue vpō cōfidēce & trust delyuered to theyr seruaūtes, theyr casshettes & other iewels, money, goodes, & catalls, safely to kepe to ꝓ vse of theyr said maysters or maystresses, & after such delyuer the said seruaūtes haue wt drawen thē selfe, & gone away frō theyr said maisters or maystresses wt the sayd casshettes, iewels, money, goodes, & catels, or ptē therof to the entent to stele the same & defraude theyr sayd maysters or maistresses therof & fōrpme beig wt theyr sayd maisters or maistresses haue conuerted ꝓ said iewels, money & other catels or ptē therof to theyr owne vse, which misbehauer is to vnreasonable in the comon lawe whether it were felony or nat. And by reason therof, ꝓ for sayd seruaūtes haue ben in great boldenes to cōmit such lyke offēces. ¶ Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned & establysshed by the kyng our souereine lord by the assent of the lordes spirituall & temporall & the comons in this ꝑsent parliament assembled & by auctorite of the same, ꝓ al & synguler such seruaūtes to whō any such casshettes, iewels, money, goods, or catteis, by his or theyr said maisters or maystresses, shal frōhensforth so be delyuered to kepe, ꝓ if any such seruaūt wdraw him or thē frō theyr said maisters & maistresses, & go away with the said casshettes, iewels, money, goodes, or other catels, or any parte therof to the entent to stele the same & defende his or theyr said maisters or maistresses, therof cōtrary to the trust & confidēce to him or thē put by his or theyr sayde maysters, or maystresses, or els beyng in the seruyce of his said mayster or maystres, wout assent or commaundement of his maysters or maystres, he imbesell the same casshettes iewels, money, goodes, or catels or any parte therof, or otherwyse conuerte the same to his owne vse, with, lyke purpose to stele it, ꝓ if the said casshettes, iewels goodes, money, or catels, ꝓ pson any such seruaūt shal go away with, or whiche he shal imbesel wt purpose to stele it as is aforsayd be of the value of .xl. s or aboue That thā the same false fraudulent & vntrue acte & demeanour frombensforth shalbe demed & adiudged felony. And he or they so offēdyng to be punished as other felones be punished for felonies cōmitted by the course of ꝓ comon lawe.

¶ Prouided alway ꝓ this acte or any thyng therin contayned, shall nat in any wyse extende or be preiudiciall to any apprentice or apprentyces, nor to any person within the age of .xviii. yeres goyng away with his or theyr maysters goods or iewels, or otherwyse, concernynge the same vnto his or theyr owne vses duryng the tyme of theyr apprentyshyp, or beyng within the same age of .xviii. yeres, but ꝓ euery apprentyce, or apprentyced, such person, or persons, beyng within the age, doyngc, or offendyng contrary to this ꝑsent acte shalbe and stande in lyke case as they and euery of them were before the makyng of this acte. The same acte to contynue and endure vnto the nexte parlyament.

¶ An acte agaynst kyllyng of calues. Ca. viii.

FOr as moch as of olde tyme great multitude, of catel, was yerely encreased by weanyng, brynging vp and rearyng of calues throughout this realme wherby the nōbre of oxen, kyen, & steres, were in such habundaunce and plenty ꝓ vse & al other vytel, was good chepe, & sold to the kynges subiectes at reasonable penywoorthes & prices, vntyll nowe of late yeres passed, that the byrthers/or

ſuche calues of theyr couetous mides, haue vſed to ſell theyr calues ponge ſuc-
kynge to bouchers, wayting, rearynge kyngynge vp kine or non, wherby the
encreaſe of olde cattel & alſo the increaſe þ ſhuld or myght haue come or growe
of the ſame is marueloully miniſhed & decreaſed, in ſuch wyſe þ greate derth of
cattel & other vyttel hath & doth daily ſpryng, growe, cõtynue, & aryſe through
out this realme, nat only to þ great enhaunſyng of the pryces of beſtes & al ma
ner vyttel, but alſo to the great miniſhyng & empayryng of good huſbandrye, &
extreme vndoyng of the kynges poore & nedy ſubiectes within the ſame, whiche
inconuenience & great ſcarcyte is lyke to ſue and encreaſe more & more if ſpedy
remedy be nat prouided in þ behalfe. ¶ Be it therfore ordeined by the kynge our
ſouerayne lord, þ lordes ſpiritual & temporal, and the comons in this preſẽt par
lyament aſſẽbled, and by the auctorite of the ſame, þ no maner perſon or perſõs
beyng bouchers or other inhabityng within this realme Wales, or þ marches
of the ſame ſhal from the fyrſt day of January next comyng, durynge thre hole
yeres than next folowyng, kyl, or cauſe to be kylled any maner of yong ſucking
calfe or calues to be ſold or put to ſale to any perſon or perſons, hole or by retayle/
which calfe or calues ſo hereafter to be kylled ſhal happen to fal or to be calued
betwene the ſayd fyrſt day of January & the fyrſt day of May, in any of þ ſayd
thre hole yeres, vpõ payne of, vi. ſ. viii. d. for euery calfe fallen or calued betwe
ne the ſayd dayes, and kylled, and put to ſale contrary to this acte, to be payde
and forfayted by euery ſuch boucher or bouchers and other whiche ſhal kyll or
cauſe to be kylled and put to ſale any ſuche calfe or calues ſo fallyng, and to be
calued betwene the ſayd fyrſt day of January and the ſayd fyrſt day of May du
ryng the ſayd thre yeres. The one halfe of euery ſuch forfayture to be in the vſe
of our ſouerayne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe to the party that wyll ſue
for the ſame by byll, accyon of det, or informacion in any of the kynges courtes
wherin no wager of lawe, eſſoyne, nor proteccyon ſhalbe alowed. ¶ Prouyded
alwayes that euery lorde marcher haue the forfaytes, profytes, and auauntages
onely of euery ſuche offender and offendours agaynſte the purueynge of this
acte within theyr ſeignouries, lyberties, and fraunchelles ropal.

✿ The act limitting þ pryce of hatt̄ & capp̄ brought frõ beyonde þ ſee. Ca. ix.

The kyng our ſouerayne lord by þ aſſẽt of þ lord̄ ſpiritual & tẽporal, & þ co-
mons in this preſẽt parlyamẽt aſſẽbled, & by þ auctorite of þ ſame, hath ordey-
ned, eſtabliſſhed, & enacted, for þ comon welth of the ſubiect̄ of this his realme/
þ no maner perſon or perſons what ſo euer he or they be, frõ the feaſt of þ purifica-
cion of our lady next comyng, do ſell or cauſe to be ſold within this his realme to
any perſon or perſons, any wollen hattes or bonettes, or wollen hatte, or cappe/
made or to be made in any place or places out of this realme of Englãde in any
of the parties of beyonde the ſee, ouer or aboue þ pryces vnder wryten that is to
ſaye no ſuch cappe or bonnet to be ſolde aboue the ſomme of. xx. ſ. ſterlynge, and
no ſuch hatte to be ſold aboue the ſomme of. x. ſ. & no ſuch ſyngle crowne cappe
nor ſyngle nyght cappe to be ſolde aboue the ſomme of. vi. peus vpon payne to
forfeyte for euery ſuch bonet, cappe, or hatte, at any tyme after þ ſayd feaſt to be
ſold ouer þ pryce aboue ſaid cõtrary to þ tenour of thys act. xl. ſ. ſterlyng, al which
forfapture ſhal extẽde only to lolle of þ ſeller or ſellers therof & to none other þ
one halfe therof to be leuied & recouered to þ vſe of our ſaid ſouerayne lorde, & þ

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other half to ꝑ pty ꝑ wyll sue for ꝑ same i any of our souereine lord ꝑ kyngꝭ cour tes by accō of det, byl, informacō, or otherwyse/ which action or sute no ꝓtec tion wager of law/ nor essoyne, shalbe alowed or admitted. ¶ And be it further enacted by ꝑ auctorite above sayd, ꝑ euery pson or psōs bryngē or werynge any such bonette, cappe, or hatte, made out of this realme, may lawfully at al tymes hereafter vse, were, & occupye, any such bonet, cappe, or hatte, cappes, or hattes, thout fealure of ꝑ same or any waūger, losse, or other forfayture, or penalte to be had or suffred for ꝑ same. Any maner clause/ or other thyng cōtayned or expressed in this ꝓsent acte or actes here to fore made the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ An acte agaynst carryenge out of brasse, latē, and coper. Ca. x.

For as moch as there is no myne of metal of coper, win this realme of Englande foūde or had, where sufficiēt coper may be garbered for ꝑ vse of the kyng our souereine lord & for ꝑ people of this his realme, & also for as moch as dyuers tymes of coper in ꝑ parties of beyonde ꝑ see be nowe lately myxtified and scraped, by reasō wherof ꝑ pryce of coper is greatly encrsed, aswel in ꝑ parties of beyonde ꝑ see, as i this realme, of ꝑ which coper dyuers metals myxed be made, as well laten of ꝑ which ꝑ foūders make diuers vessels, instrumētes & other necessary thynges, as also panne metal, brasse metal, gonne metal, & bel metal, made & wrought by diuers artificers win this realme, which be now also at a greate pryce, & also where diuers within this realme of late haue carryed and conueyed and dayly vse to carry & cōuey into the parties of beyonde ꝑ see, moch latyn, brasse, and such metal myxed, aswel in old panne metal & broken vessels & instrumentes, as in metal shrofte, & other thynges, nat onely to the greate hurte of our souerayne lorde the kyng in lackynge metal to make & furnysshe his ordynaunce but also to the great hurte and decay of all such artificers whiche vse to worke any such metall, & to ꝑ hurte of all the kynges liege people, notwithstandyng ꝑ a redresse was communed of by the kyng our souereine lorde, & the lordes of hys honorable cōcell in Estr terme last past, sythens which tyme moche of ꝑ sayd metals hath bē cōueyed. ¶ Be it therfore enacted by ꝑ auctorite of this ꝓsent ꝓliamēt ꝑ no person or psons frōhensforth do conuey or carry any suche metall/ whether it be clene or myxed, to any port, hauen, place, or creke, of this his realme, in any shyp, vessell, or bote, to be caryed or cōueyed into any part beyonde ꝑ see, vpō payne of forfayture of al the sayd metal, in whose hādes so euer they be founde or the value of the same, the one moyte of the sayd forfeture to be to our sourrayne lorde the kynge, and the other moyte to the vse of him ꝑ shall take or fynde the same forfayture. This acte to contynue vnto the nexte parlyament.

¶ An acte for restytucyon of goodes felonously stolen. Ca. xi.

Be it enacted by this ꝓsent parlyamēt ꝑ yf any felon or felons, hereafter do robbe or take away any money, goodꝭ or catels, frō any of the kynges subiectes frō theyr ꝓson or otherwyse win this realme, & therof ꝑ sayde felon or felons be indited, & after arrayned of ꝑ same felony, & foūde gylty therof, or other wyse attaynted by reason of euydēce gyuē by ꝑ party so robbed or owner of the sayd money, goodꝭ, or catels, or by any other by theyr procuremēt, ꝑ thā ꝑ party so robbed or owner shalbe restored to his sayd money, goodꝭ, & catels, & ꝑ aswel the iustices of gayle deliuere as other iustices afore whō any surhe felon or felons shalbe foūde gylty or otherwyse attaynted by reason of euidēce gyuē by ꝑ pty so

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robbed or owner, or by any other by theyr procurem^t, haue power by this p^rsēt act to award frō tyme to tyme writ^s of restitucio for ꝑ said money, goods & catels i lyke maner as though any such felō or felōs were attaited at ꝑ sute of ꝑty i appele.

☞ An acte for true makyng of cables, hallsers, and ropes. Ca. xii.

MOst hūbly beseechen your highnes, ꝑ baylifes, burgeys, & other ꝑ inhabitau-ntes of your towne & borough of Burpoꝛt win your coūty of Dorset, ꝑ wher they out of tyme ꝑ no mā^s mynde is to ꝑ cōtrary, haue vsed & exercised to make win ꝑ same, ꝑ most part of al ꝑ great cables, hallsers, ropes, & al other takelinge aswel for your royal shipp^s & nauey, as for ꝑ most part of al other shippes win this realme, by reasō wherof your said towne was right wel maintened & inhabited, your highnes & your subiect^s right wel serued, butyll nowe of late many ouers & euyl disposed p^rsōs entēdyng ꝑ distruccion of your sayde towne for theyr p^riuate lucre & auaūtage, haue wdrawen thē selfe into ꝑ cōūtrey i diuers places there taking fermes & dyng husbādry out of ꝑ sayd towne, & also dayly resorte to your sayd towne to bye & putte hempe & therof make cables, ropes, hallsers/ traces, halters & other tacle, which cables, ropes, hallsers, traces, halters, & other tacle ben by ꝑ said p^rsōs sleyghtly & deceyuable made, by reasō wherof nat only ꝑ byers of ꝑ same ben cōtynually therby deceiued, but also ꝑ p^rice^s of ꝑ said cables hallsers traces, halters, & other tacle therby greatly enhaūsed, & your said towne or borough, by meane theof is lyke vtterly to be decayed, ruyned, & dissolued, if spedy remedy, be nat by your highn^s in ꝑ case prouided. ¶ Be it therfore enacted by your highnes, by ꝑ lord^s spirituall & temporal, & ꝑ comō^s in this p^rsēt pliamēt assēbled, & by ꝑ auctorite of ꝑ same. That no maner p^rson or p^rsōs dwellinge or inhabitinge win the distaūce of fyue myles frō ꝑ said towne or borough of Burpoꝛte, shal frōhensforth sel or cause to be solde out of ꝑ market, holden or to be holden within ꝑ same towne or borough of Burpoꝛte to any p^rson or p^rsōs any hēpe which shal happen to growe win ꝑ sayd fyue myles in distaūce frō the said towne or borough, vpō payne of forfaiture of ꝑ said hēpe so solde or to be solde/ in any place or places within the distaunce of ꝑ said fyue myles out of the said towne, borough, or market, cōtrary to ꝑ fourme & effecte of this estatute. ¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorite aboue sayde, ꝑ no p^rson or p^rsōs, other than such as shall dwell & be inhabitaūtes within the said towne, shall make after ꝑ feast of Ester next comyng out of the said towne any cables, hallsers, ropes, traces, halters, or any other tacle made of hēpe in any other place or places within the said distaūce of fyue myles frō ꝑ said towne, vpō payne of forfaiture of the said cables, hallsers, ropes, traces, halters, & other tacle, made & to be made contrary to ꝑ forme & effecte of this estatute, ꝑ one halfe of euery such forfayture, aswel of ꝑ hēpe so solde or to be solde out of ꝑ said towne, borough & market, contrary to ꝑ forme aforsayd, as also ꝑ said cables, hallsers, ropes, traces, halters, & other tacle made out of ꝑ sayd towne contrary to this estatute to be to the vse of our souerayne lorde ꝑ kyng, & the other halfe to him ꝑ wyl sue for ꝑ same, by action of dette, byl, or informacion, wherin neyther wager of lawe, essoyne nor p^rtection shalbe alowed. ¶ Prouided always ꝑ .xx. pou^s. weyght shalbe accōpted to ꝑ stone. ¶ Prouided also euery p^rson dwelling win ꝑ said distaūce may make cables, hallsers, ropes, traces, halters, & other tacle for theyr owne vse & occupacions, but in no wyse agaynst this act. This acte to endure vnto ꝑ next pliament.

❧ An acte agaynſt pluralytees of benefices, for takyn of fermes by ſpirituall men, and for reſydence. Cap. xiii.

FOr the more quiete & vertuous increaſe & mayntenaūce of diuine ſeruyce & ꝓchyng & teaching ꝑ worde of god w goodly & good exāple giuing ꝑ better diſcharge of curat⁹, ꝑ maintenaūce of hoſpytalyte, ꝑ relefe of poꝛe people, the in creaſe of deuocion, & good opinion of ꝑ lay fee to warde the ſpirituall ꝓfits. Be it enacted ordeyned, & eſtabliſſhed by ꝑ kyng our ſouereigne lorde, w ꝑ aſſēt of the lord⁹ ſpirituall & tẽporall & ꝑ comōs in this ꝓſēt ꝓyamēt aſſēbled. And by ꝑ auctoꝛite of ꝑ ſame, ꝑ no ſpirituall ꝑſon/ſeculer or reguler, of what degre ſo euer he or they be, ſhal frōhenſoꝛth take to ferme to him ſelfe or to any ꝑſon or ꝑſōs, to his vſe of ꝑ leaſe or graūt of ꝑ king our ſouereigne lorde, noꝛ of any other ꝑſon or ꝑſōs, by letters, patēt⁹, indētur⁹, wꝛytyng⁹, by woꝛd⁹ or otherwyſe, by any maner meanes any maners land⁹, teſtes, or other hereditamēts, for terme of lyfe, for terme of yer⁹, or at wyl, vpō payne to forfet. x. li. for euery moneth ꝑ he or any other to his vſe ſhal occupy any ſuch ferme, by reaſon of any ſuche leaſe or graūt hereafter to be made. The one halfe of which forfayture to be to ꝑ kyng our ſouereigne lorde, & ꝑ other halfe therof to euery ſuch ꝑſon as wyl ſue for ꝑ ſame, by oꝛiginal wꝛyt, byl, or playnt of det, or by any informacion in any of ꝑ king⁹ courtes. In which action & ſute no wager of lawe ſhal be admytted for ꝑ defendaūt, noꝛ any eſſon or ꝓtection alowed. ¶ And be it alſo enacted by ꝑ auctoꝛite afoꝛe ſayd, ꝑ al & euery ſuch ſpūal ꝑſon or ꝑſōs. which nowe haue or occuppe in ferme by thē ſelfe or by any other to theyꝛ vſe, any maners, lād⁹ tenemēt⁹, or hereditamēt⁹ of ꝑ leſſe, or graūt of ꝑ kyng our ſouereigne lorde or any other ꝑſon or ꝑſōs for terme of lyfe, or for yeres, or an wyl, by any wꝛytynge or otherwyſe, or ꝑ now haue any annuel rētes, or other annuel aduaūtage or ꝓfite by occaſiō or colour of any ſuch leſſe or ferme, ſhal clerely bargayne, ſell, gyue, or graūt away on th⁹ ſyde ꝑ feaſt of ſayne Myghell ꝑ archaūgell nexte comyng to any ſuch lay ꝑſon or ꝑſōs, as they wyl at theyꝛ owne nominacions & appoyntment, al ſuch leſſe, ferme intereſt, & ꝓfit as any ſuch ſpūal ꝑſon, or any other to his vſe now hath or haue in, or by reaſon of any ſuch ferme, ſo ꝑ in no wyſe any ſuch ſpūal ꝑſon, or perſōs at any tyme after ꝑ ſame feaſt by thē ſelf or any other to theyꝛ vſe by any maner of meanes, fraude, or male engyne, ſhal haue vſe, or occupy ſ ferme, any maners lād⁹, teſtes, or hereditamēt⁹ of ꝑ demyſe, leſſe, or graūt of any ꝑſon or ꝑſōs here tofoꝛe made, or hereafter to be made, to thē ſelfe or to any other to theyꝛ vſes, noꝛ frō ꝑ ſayd feaſt ſhal take any annuel rent or other annuell aduaūtage or ꝓfyte by occaſion or colour of any ſuche leſſe or ferme by any maner of meanes, vpon paine to foꝛfet for euery moneth ſo occupieng any ſuche ferme, at any tyme aft ꝑ ſaid feaſt cōtrary to th⁹ ꝓſēt act. x. li. And vpō paine to foꝛfet ten tym⁹ as much as any ſpūal ꝑſō or any to h⁹ vſe, ſhal take ſ annuel rēt, & aduaūtage, or ꝓfite by occaſiō or colour of any ſuch leſſe, or any tyme aft ꝑ ſaid feaſt. The one halfe of which foꝛfetur⁹ to be to ꝑ king our ſouereigne lorde, & ꝑ other halfe to hi ꝑ wyl ſue for ꝑ ſame by oꝛiginal wꝛit, byl, or plaint of det, or by informaciō ī any of ꝑ kyng⁹ court⁹. In which actiō & ſute no wager of lawe ſhalbe admitted for ꝑ defēdaūt, noꝛ any eſſon or ꝓtectiō alowed. ¶ And be it alſo enacted ꝑ al ſuch leſſ⁹ mad or hereaft to be made vnto any ſuch ſpūal ꝑſō or ꝑſōs, or to any other to theyꝛ vſe, for terme of lyfe terme of yer⁹, or at wyl, of any maſ⁹, lād⁹, teſt⁹, or hereditamēt⁹,

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they or any of thē shal take any pfite, or wedeing by thē selfe, or by any to their vse after ꝑ feast of saynt Mychell, by colour of any such lesse or grauñt, & nat by thē bargayned, grauñted, & solde away before ꝑ sayde feast as is before ymitted shal frōthensorth be vtterly voyde & of none effecte, aswell agaynst the lessour or lessours, grauntour & grauñtours, their heyres & assignes, & agaynst euery of thē, as agaīst ꝑ selfe or selfes & their executours & assignes, & euery of thē. ¶ Prouyded alway ꝑ this pñt acte shal nat extende to any spiritual pson or pſōs, in, & for takyng to ferme any tēporalties, durying ꝑ tyme of vacacōs, of any archbisshoppryks, bisshoppryks, abbeys pryores, or other collegiall, cathedrall, or cōuentuall churches, nor to any spūal pson or pſōs, ꝑ shall tēde or make any trauerse vpon any office, or office cōcernyng his or their freeholde. ¶ And be it also enacted by ꝑ auctorite aforsayd ꝑ no spūal pson or pſōs, seculer or reguler, of what estate or degre so euer they be, shal frōthensorth by hym selfe, nor by any other, for him nor to his vse bargain & bye to sel agayne for any lucre, gayne, or pfyt, in any markettes, fayres, or other places, any maner of cattels, cornes, leade tyn, hydes, lether, tallowe, fysshe, woll, woode, or any maner of vyttell, or marchandise, what kynde so euer it be of, vpō paine to forfete treble ꝑ value of euery thinge by thē or by any to their vse, bargayned & bought to sell agayne, cōtrary to this pñt acte. And ꝑ euery such bargayne & cōtracte hereafte to be made by thē, or by any to their vse cōtrary to this acte, shalbe vtterly voyde & of none effecte. And the one halfe of euery such forfaytures to be to ꝑ kyng our soueraine lord & the other halfe to him ꝑ wyl sue for ꝑ same by originall wryt, of det, vpl playnt, or informacion in any of ꝑ kyngs, courtes. In which, actiō or sute, no wager of law for ꝑ defendaūt shalbe admytted, nor any essoyn nor pteccion alowed. ¶ Prouided alway ꝑ if any such spūal pson or pſons shal happen hereafter vpon fraude or couen to bye any horses, mares, or mules, to ꝑ only intēt to occupy, for him selfe, or his seruaūtes to ryde to & fro, vpō his necessary busynes, or any other cattels, or goods to ꝑ only intēt & purpose at ꝑ tyme therof to be imployed & put in, & about his necessary apparel of his owne house or of his pson & seruaūts or in, for, & aboute ꝑ onely occupyeng manurynge or tyllage of his owne glebe or demeane landes annexed to his church, or for ꝑ necessary expēces of his owne houshold kepyng. And after ꝑ tyme of such horses, cattels, or goods, or exercise of thē or any of thē happeneth to mislyke any of thē ꝑ they shold nat be good, pfitable nor cōuenient for any of ꝑ purposes aboue said for ꝑ which they were bought, ꝑ thā euery such spūall pson or pſōs, may lawfully bargayne, & put away suche thynges so by him bought vpon fraude or coueyn for any of ꝑ purposes aboue said at his pleasure & aduantage. This acte or any thing therin cōteined notwithstanding. ¶ Prouyded alway ꝑ all abbottes, pryores, abbesses, pryorysses, puoltes, pldēts, maysters of colleges & hospitalles, & all other spūall, gouernours, & gouernesses, of any spūall monasteries or houses of relygion, by what name or names so euer they be called, hauing maners, landes, & tenemēts, hereditamēts, & other pcelly pfites, in ꝑ right of their monasteries or houses, of ꝑ pcelly value of .viii. hondred marks, or vnder, & nat aboue, may vse & occupy as moche and as many of their demeane landes, fee, fermes, & fermes to their most aduantage, cōmodite & profite to and for the only mayntenaunce of their houholdes and hospitalitees in as ample & as large maner as they or any of thē or their pdecessours, or the pde-

deſtaſours of any of thē, at any tyme by ꝑ ſpace of one. C. yeres laſt paſt, before the makyng of this preſēt acte, haue done, vſed & occupied any thing in this preſēt acte to ꝑ cōtrary notwithſtādyng. ¶ Prouided alſo ꝑ euery other ſpirituall ꝑſon & perſōs nat hauyng ſufficyent glebe, or demeane lāde in theyr owne handes in the right of theyr churches, monaſteries & benefices for paſturage of catell, or for increaſe of cornes, to & for ꝑ only expēces of theyr houſholdes, & for the carryage & tournepe, may take in ferme, other lāde, & bye & ſell corne & catell for the only manurāce, tyllage, & paſturage of ſuch ferme, ſo ꝑ ꝑ increaſe therof be alwaye imployed & put ſo & for the onely expences in theyr houſholdes & hoſpitalitees. And nat in any wyſe to bye & ſell agayne, for any other cōmodite, lucre or aduantage, any corne, or catell, tenebryng compyng, or growyng, in & vpō any ſuch ferme or otherwyſe, but only ꝑ remayne & ouerplus about theyr expēſes of theyr houſholdes, if any ſuch ſhal happen of the byrde & encreaſe therof, wout fraude or coueyn. Any thing in this preſent acte to the cōtrary hereof, notwithſtandynge.

☞ And be it enacted by ꝑ auctorite aforeſayd, ꝑ if any ꝑſon or ꝑſōs, hauing one benefice wt cure of ſoule, beynge of ꝑ yerely value of. viii. li. or above, accepte & take any other wt cure of ſoule. And be inſtytuted & inducted in poſſeſſion of the ſame, ꝑ than & immediatly after ſuche poſſeſſion had therof. The fyrſt benefyce ſhalbe adiuged in ꝑ lawe to be voyde. And ꝑ it ſhalbe lawfull to euery patrone hauyng ꝑ auoulon therof to preſēt another, & the preſēte to haue the benefice of the ſame, in ſuch lyke maner & fourme as though ꝑ incombēt had dyed, or reſygned any ſyrēce, vnpon or other diſpēſacion to ꝑ cōtrary hereof optayned notwithſtādynge. And ꝑ euery ſuch ſyrēce, vnpon, or diſpēſacion, had or hereafter to be optayned cōtrary to this preſēt acte, of what name or names, qualyte or qualites ſo euer they be, ſhalbe vtterly voyde & of none effecte. And if any ꝑſon or ꝑſons at any tyme after ꝑ fyrſt day of Apryl, in ꝑ yere of our lorde god. M. v. C. & xxx. cōtrary to this preſent acte, procure & optayne at ꝑ court of rome or elſ where any ſyrēce or ſyrēces, vnpon, tollerācion, diſpēſacion to receyue & take any mo benefices wt cure, thā is aboue limitted, or elſ at any tyme after ꝑ ſayd day put in execucion any ſuch tollerācion ſyrēce, diſpēſacion before ꝑ optayned cōtrary to this acte, ꝑ then euery ſuch ꝑſon or ꝑſōs ſo after ꝑ ſaid day, ſuyng for him ſelfe or receyuing & takyng ſuch benefice by force of ſuch ſyrēce or ſyrēces, vnpon, tollerācion, or diſpēſacion, ꝑ is to ſay, ꝑ ſame ꝑſō or ꝑſōs only & no other, ſhal for euery ſuch defaute incurre ꝑ daūger, payne, & penalty of. xx. li. ſterlyng. And alſo loſe the hole ꝓfyts of euery ſuch benefice or benefyts as he receyueth or taketh by force of any ſuch ſyrēce or ſyrēcs, vnpon, tollerācion, or diſpēſacion. The one halfe of which forfaiture to be to ꝑ kyng our ſouerayne lorde. And ꝑ other halfe therof to him ꝑ wyll ſue for ꝑ ſame by originall wryt, byll, playnt of det, or informacion, in any of ꝑ kyngs courts. In whiche accion & ſute no wager of lawe, eſſon, or ꝓtection, for the defendaunt ſhalbe admytted or alowed.

Prouided alwaye ꝑ this acte cōcernyng ꝑ nat keppyng of mo benefices with cure of ſoule than one, extēde nat be ꝓiudicial to any ꝑſon or ꝑſōs whiche at any tyme before ꝑ ſayde fyrſt day of Apryl, in ꝑ yere of our lorde god. M. v. C. & xxx. ſhalbe really entryed & poſſeſſed of any ſuch benefices with cure of ſoule, as cōcernyng or touching any of the ſame benefices, wherof they ſhal than be al redy really intryed or poſſeſſed before the ſayd day to or vnder the nōbre of. viii. and

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nat aboue ꝛ if any such,ſpuall plon or plõs ſo beynge entytled or poſſeſſed of mo benefices with cure of ſoule thã.iiii.do nat by ꝯ ſayd fyrſt day,of Apryll clerely ꝛ without perely pẽcion reſygne or otherwyſe gyue vp all ꝛ euery ſuch bñfices and benefice as he ſhalbe ſo entytled ꝛ poſſeſſed of,aboue ꝯ ſaid nõbre,ꝯ than it ſhalbe lefull for euery patron hauyng the auouſon of any ſuch benefice ouer ꝯ nõbre aforeſayde to plẽt another,ꝛ the plentee to haue the benefyt of the ſame in lyke maner ꝛ forme as though it had be voyde by deth or reſygnacion of ꝯ incõbent,any lycẽce,vnyon,or other diſpenſacion to the cõtrary hereof optayned nat withſtandynge.And this clauſe of preſentacion to be taken and vnderſtanden in ꝛ of ſuch benefices with cure of ſoule,as were gyuen to any ſuch ſpiritual perſon after the ſayd nombre of.iiii.benefices with cure furnyſſhed and fulfylled.

℞ Prouided alſo ꝯ all ſpuall men nowe beyng or which hereafter ſhalbe of the kyngꝭ counſell,may purchaſe lycẽce or diſpẽſacion,ꝛ take,ꝛ receyue ꝛ kepe thre perſonagꝭ or benefice with cure of ſoule,ꝛ ꝯ al other beyng the kyngꝭ chapleyns and not ſworne of his counſel,the chapleyns of the quene prynce or prynces,or any of the kyngꝭ chyldren,bretherne,ſyſters vncles,or auntes may ſemblably purchaſe lycence or diſpẽſacion,ꝛ receyue ꝛ kepe two perſonages or benefyces with cure of ſoule,ꝛ in lyke wyſe ꝯ euery archbiſchop ꝛ duke may haue.vi.chapleyns/whereof euery one ſhal and may purchaſe lycẽce or diſpẽſacion,and take receyue,ꝛ kepe two perſonages or benefices with cure of ſoule.And ꝯ euery marꝭ kes,and erle may haue.v.chapleyns,wherof euery one may purchaſe lycẽce or diſpenſacion,ꝛ take.receyue,ꝛ kepe two pſonages or benefices ẅ cure of ſoule. And ꝯ euery vycecount ꝛ other byſchop,may haue foure chapleyns,wherof euery one may purchaſe lycẽce,ꝛ receyue,haue,ꝛ kepe two perſonages or benefices with cure of ſoule as is aforeſayd.And ꝯ the chaunceliour of Englande for the tyme beynge,ꝛ euery baron ꝛ knyght of the garter may haue thre chapleyns, wherof euery one ſhall nowe purchaſe lycẽce or diſpenſacion,and receyue,haue and kepe,two perſonages or benefices with cure of ſoule.And ꝯ euery duches/ marꝭes,counteſſe,and baronneſſe,beynge wydowes,may haue two chapleyns, wherof any of them may purchaſe lycence or diſpenſacion,to receyue,haue,and kepe,two benefices with cure of ſoule.And ꝯ the treaſorer and controller of the kynges houſe,the kyngꝭ ſecretary,and Deane of his chapel,the kynges amner and the maiſter of the rolles,may haue euery of thẽ.ii.chapleyns. And ꝯ cheſe Juſtice of the kynges benche,one chapleyn,and the wardeyn of the fyue portꝭ, for the tyme beynge,one chapleyn,wherof euery one may purchaſe lycence,and receyue,haue ꝛ kepe,two pſonages,or benefices with cure of ſoule. And that ꝯ bretherne ꝛ ſones of all temporall lordꝭ which are borne in wedlocke,may euery of thẽ purchaſe lycẽce or diſpẽſacion,ꝛ receyue,haue,ꝛ kepe,as many pſonagꝭ or bñfices ẅ cure as ꝯ chapleyns of a duke or an archbiſchop.And lykewyſe ꝯ bretherne ꝛ ſones borne in wedlocke of euery knyght,may euery of thẽ purchaſe lycẽce or diſpẽſaciõ,ꝛ receyue,take ꝛ kepe two pſonagꝭ or bñficꝭ ẅ cure of ſoule.

℞ Prouided alway ꝯ ꝯ ſayd chapleyns ſo purchaſyng,takyng,receyuyng,ꝛ kepyng benefices ẅ cure of ſoule as is aforeſayd,ſhalbe bõũde to haue ꝛ exhibyte where nede ſhalbe,letters vnder ꝯ ſygne ꝛ ſeale of ꝯ kyng or other theyr lorde ꝛ maiſter,teſtyfyenge,whoſe chapleyns they be.And eis nat to extende to ſuch plu ralite of benefices by ſuch chapleyns.Any thyng in this acte natwithſtãdyng.

❧ Be it also ꝓuided ꝑ al doctours & bacheiers of diuinite, doctours of lawe & bacheiers of the lawe canon, & euery of thē which shalbe admytted to any of the sayd degrees by any of the vniuersites of this realme, nat by grace onely, may purchase lycēce, & take, haue, & kepe, two, personages or benefyces / with cure of soule. So ꝑ alwayes the sayde lybertye by any of the ꝓuisiōs before sayd gyuen to any of ꝑ said cōceilers, chapleyns, & other psons before specified, to purchase lycēce or dispensacion, & take, receyue, & kepe moze benefices than one, after the maner and fourme aforsayde, be taken, and vnderstanden to extende in nombze to no mo benefices with cure of soule than is aboue lymyted. Accomptyng in ꝑ same & as parcell therof suche benefices with cure of of soule as any of the sayde persons shall haue in real tytle or in theyr possession at ꝑ sayd fyrst day of Apryll in the yere of our lozde god. M.CCCCC.xxi.

☞ Pzouided also ꝑ euery archbyshop, bycause he must occupie. viii. chapelyns at cōsecratiōs of bisshops. And euery byshop because he must occupy. vi. chapelyns at ordig of ozdrs & cōsecracio of churches, may euery of thē haue two chapelyns ouer & aboue ꝑ nōbze aboue limitted vnto them, wherof euery one may purchase lycence or dispēsacion, & take, receyue, & kepe, as many psonages & benefices, with cure of soule as is before assigned to such chapelyns.

❧ Pzouided also & be it enacted by ꝑ auctozite aforsayd, ꝑ no pson or psons to whom any nōbze of chapleyns, or any chapelein by any of ꝑ ꝓuisiōs aforesayde is limitted, shal in any wyse by colour of any of the same ꝓuisiōs, auaunce any spirituall pson or psōs aboue ꝑ nōbze to them appoynted, to receyue or kepe any mo benefices with cure of soule, than is aboue limitted by this acte, any thynge specified in ꝑ said ꝓuisiōs notwithstanding, & yf they, do, than euery, suche spirituall pson & psōs so auaūced aboue the sayd nombze to incurre to the payne & penaltye conteyned in this acte.

☞ Be it also furthermoze enacted by ꝑ auctozite aforsayd, ꝑ as wel euery spirituall person nowe beyng ꝓmoted to any archdeaconry, or dignite in any monastery or cathedral church, or other church cōuentual or collegial, or beynge benefyced with any psonage or vycarage, as all & euery spirituall pson & psōs, which hereafter shalbe ꝓmoted to any of the sayd dignitees, or benefyced with any personage or vycarage, frō the feast of saynt Mygbel ꝑ archaungell next comyng, shalbe psonally residente & abydyng, in, at, & vpō his sayde dignite, prebende, or benefice, or at one of thē at ꝑ least. And in case any suche spirituall pson at any tyme after ꝑ said feast, kepe nat residēce at one of his said dignitees, prebēde or benefices, as is aforsayde, but ablēt him selfe wylfully by ꝑ space of one moneth togyder, or by ꝑ space of .ii. monethes to be accompted at seuerall tymes in any one yere, & make his residēce & abydynge in any other places by such tyme that than he shal forfayte for euery such defaute. x. li. Deryngе. The one halfe therof to ꝑ kyng our soueraine lozde, & the other halfe of ꝑ same to ꝑ partye ꝑ wyll sue for ꝑ same in any of ꝑ kyngs courts by originall writ of det, bill, playnt, or informacion. In whyche action and sute the defendaunt shal nat wage his lawe nor haue any essoyn or protection alowed.

❧ And if any pson or psōs procure or obteyne at ꝑ courte of Rome or els where any maner of lycēce or dispēsacion to be none resident at theyr sayd dignitees, prebende or benefices cōtrary to this acte, that than euery suche person or persons

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puttynge in execucion any ſuche diſpenſacion or lycence from the ſayd fyrſt day of Apryll, in ye yere of our lorde god. M. v. C. & xxx. ſhal ren & ſcurre in the penalty damage, & payne of. xx. li. ſterlynge for euery tyme ſo doyng, to be forfeyted & recouered as is aboue ſayd, and ſuch lycence or diſpẽſacion ſo procured or, to be put in execucion to be voyde and of none effecte.

☞ Prouided always ye this acte of none reſidẽce, ſhal nat in any wyſe extẽde ne be preiudiciall to any ſuch ſpũal perſon as ſhal chaũce to be in the kyngs ſeruice beyonde ye ſee, nor to any perſon or pſõs goyng to any pylgrymage or holy place beyonde ye ſee during ye tyme ye they ſhal ſo be in ye kings ſeruice or in theyr pylgrimages goyng & retournyng home, nor to any ſcoler or ſcolers beyng cõuerſaunt & abydyng for ſtudy wout fraude or coyn at any vniuerſite win this realme or without, nor to any of ye chapeleyns of ye king or quene, dayly or quarterly attẽdyng & abydyng in ye kyngs or quens moſt honorable houſholdes. Nor to any of the chapeyns of ye prynce or prynces, or any of the kynges or quenes chyldren/ brethren, or ſyſterne, attẽdyng dayly in theyr honorable houholdes, durynge ſo lõge as they ſhall attẽde in any of theyr ſaid houſholds. Nor to any chapeyn of any archebyſſhop, or biſſhop, or of any ſpũal or tẽporal lords of ye pliamẽt, dayly attẽdyng, abydyng & remaynyng in any of theyr honorable houſholdes. Nor to any chapeleyn of any duches, marques, coũteſſe, vycounteſſe, or baroneſſe, attendinge dayly & abyding in any of theyr honorable houſholds. Nor to any chapelleyn of ye lorde chaũcellour, or treſorer of Engld, ye kyngs chãberleyn, or ſteward of houſholde for ye tyme beyng, ye treaſorer & coũtroller of ye kyngs moſt honorable houſholde for ye tyme beyng, attẽdyng dayly in any theyr honorable houſholdes. Nor to any chapeleyn of any of the knyghtes of the honorable ordre of the garter, or of ye chefe Juſtices of ye kyngs benche, wardeyn of the port, or alſo ye mayſter of the rolles. Nor to any chapelyn of the kings ſecretary, & deane of the chapel. or amner for the tyme being, dayly attendinge & dwellynge in any theyr houſholdes durynge the tyme ye any ſuch chapeleyn or chapeleynes ſhal abyde & dwell wout fraude or coyn in any of the ſaid honorable houſholde, Nor to the mayſter of the rolles, or deane of ye arches. Nor to any chaũcellour or cõmiſſary of any archbiſſhop or biſſhop. Nor to as many of the. xii. maiſters of ye chaũcery and. xii. aduocats of the arches, as be, or hereafter ſhalbe ſpirituall men, durynge ſo longe tyme as they ſhall occupie theyr ſaid romes & offices. Nor to any ſuche ſpirituall pſõs as ſhal happen by Iniunction of ye lorde chaũcellour, or ye kynges coũſel to be hõũde to any dayly apparaũce & attendaũce to anſwere to the lawe durynge the tyme of ſuche Iniunccion.

☞ Prouided alſo ye it ſhalbe lefull to euery ſpũal perſon or pſons beinge chapeleynes to ye king our ſouereine lorde, to whõ it ſhal pleaſe his highnes to gyue any benefyces or promocions ſpirituall to what nõbre ſo euer it be, to accepte and take the ſame, wout incurrynge the daũger, penalty, & forfeyture in this eſtatute compryſed. And ye alſo it ſhalbe lefull to the kyngs highnes to gyue lycẽce to euery of his owne chapeleyns for none reſydence vpõ theyr benefices. Any thynge in this preſent acte cõteyned to the cõtrary notwithſtandynge.

☞ And be it furthermore enacted by ye auctorite aforeſayd ye no ſpirituall perſon ſeculer or reguler, benefyced wt cure as is afore reherſed, frõ ye feaſt of ſaint Mychel ye archaũgel next coming, by auctorite of any maner lycence, diſpenſacion

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or otherwyse, shal take any yeticuler stypēde or salary to synge for any soule, nor haue or occupy by him selfe, or by any other to his vse any personage or vpcarage in ferme, of ỳ seale or graūt of any pſō or pſōs, nor take any ꝓfite or rent out of any such ferme, vpō paine to forfeyt. xl. for euery such weke ỳ he or any to ỳ vse shal occupy, or haue any such stipēde or ferme cōtrary to thys plēt acte. And vpon paine to lose. x. tymes ỳ value of such ꝓfite or rēt as he shal take out of any suche ferme aft ỳ said feast. The one halfe of such forfaitures to be to ỳ kig our soueraine lord, & ỳ other moyte to hi ỳ wyl sue for ỳ same by original writ, byl, playnt or det, or by informacīō i any of ỳ kyngs courts. In which sute & accion no wager of lawe shalbe admytted for the defēdaunt, nor any essoyne or ꝓtectyon alowed. ¶ Prouided alway ỳ no deanery. archdeaconry, chaūcellershyp, treasurershyp chaūtershyp, or p̄bende, in any cathedrall or colegiall churche, nor personage ỳ hath a vycar indued, nor any benefice ꝑpetually appropriate, be taken or cōprehended vnder the name of benefice, haunge cure of soules in any article afore specifyed. ¶ Prouided also & be it enacted by the auctorite aforsayde, ỳ no spirituall person or pſōs, reguler or seculer, of what estate, degre or cōdicion so euer he or they be, frō the fyrst day of apryl nexte comyng, haue, vse, or kepe by him or thē selfe, or by any pſon or pſōs to his or theyr vse or cōmodite/any manor tanhouse or tanhouses to be vsed or occupyed to his or theyr owne vse, comodite, or beholde, nor frō ỳ said fyrst day of Apryll nexte comynge, shall haue, vse, or kepe/ any manor of brewehous or brewehouses, to any other vse, intēt or beholde, thā onely to be spent & occupied in his or theyr owne houses, vpō payne to forfayte for euery moneth so vsynge & occuppeng any of ỳ sayd misteries or occupaciōs. x. li. The one moyte therof to ỳ kyng our soueraine lord, & ỳ other moyte to him ỳ wyll sue for ỳ same by originall writ/byll, playnt or det, or informacion/ in any of ỳ kyngs courtes. In which action & sute no wager of lawe shalbe admytted for the defēdaūt, ne any essoyne nor ꝓtection alowed. ¶ Prouided always ỳ euery duchesse, marques, coūtesse, baronnesse, wydowes, whiche haue taken or ỳ hereafter shal take any husbandes vnder ỳ degre of a baron, may take suche nōbre of chapleyns as is aboue lymitted to thē being wydowes. And ỳ euery such chapleyn may purchase spēce to haue & take suche nōbre of benefyces wt cure of soule, & haue like libertie of none residēce i maner & forme as they myght haue done if they sayd ladyes & maystresses had kept thē selfe wydowes. Any thinge in this plēt acte cōtayned to ỳ cōtrary notwithstādyng. ¶ Prouided alway that euery spirituall pſon or pſōs hauing lāds, tenemēts, or other possessiōs in ỳ right of theyr houses aboue ỳ yerely value of. viii. C. markes, may kepe & retayne in theyr occupacion & manurance as moch as they sayd lāndes & tenemēts & other possessiōs as shalbe necessary & sufficiēt for pasturage of theyr cattels, & for tyllage of corne to imployed & spēt for ỳ only maintenaūce, sustētacion & kepinge of his or theyr houshoulde & hospitalitee, wout fraude or coyn. Any thinge in this pſēt acte to the cōtrary therof notwithstādyng. ¶ Prouided alway that it may be lefull to euery spirituall pſon & pſōs, to take in ferme any meases, mansiōs, or dwellyng houses, haunge but onely orchardes or gardeyns, in any cyte borough & towne for theyr owne habitacion or dwellyng. Any thing in this act to ỳ cōtrary not wtstādyng. So ỳ no pſon spūall other thā be aboue prouided for/ for theyr none residēce haue any liberty of none residēce by colour of thys proviso.

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☞ An acte concernynge lynnen clothe, called dowlas and lokerames. Cap.xiiii.

IN moſt hũble wyſe ſhewyth vnto ỹ kynges highnes, & to ỹ lordes ſpirituall & tẽporall, & the comõs in this ꝑſent ꝑliamẽt aſſẽbled. The lynnen drapers inha bytaũtes within the cyte of London, dyſpyte to ſell lynnen cloth called dowlas & lokeram, of ỹ cõmodites wrought & made in Bretayne in ỹ ptes beyonde the ſee, ỹ where by al the tyme wherof mynde of mã is nat to the cõtrary, in ỹ tyme of the kynges moſt noble ꝓgenytours, al ſuch marchaũtꝭ, as wel Engliſhe as ſtraũgers, as at any tyme brought or cõueyed the ſayd dowlas & lokeram in to this realme of Englande, brought & cõueyed ỹ ſame peces or halfe peces, euery hole pece of dowlas cõteynyng in lẽgth. b. ſcore ells of aſſyſe, accõptyng to euery eine one ynche of aſſiſe, & in bredth. i. parde of aſſyſe, & euery halfe pece. i. elles in length, & i. parde of bredth of lyke aſſyſe. And all ỹ hole pece & halfe pece of one goodnes in makyng, as wel euery pece of lokeram to be of lyke length, as the hole pece of Dowals, & euery halfe pece of lokeram to be of lyke length, as the halfe pece of dowlas, & euery ſuche hole pece & halfe pece to be in bredth a hole parde, lackyng a nayle of ỹ parde, & euery pece & halfe pece to be in lyke goodnꝭ by all ỹ length of ỹ ſame pece, which whan it was ſo vſed, was to ỹ great ꝓfyte of all ỹ kyngꝭ ſubiectes. And nowe of late ẅ in ỹ ſpace of. xx. or. xxx. yeres paſſed diuers ꝑſons for theyr owne ſynguler lucres haue brought all ỹ ſayde dowlas & lokeram in halfe peces, which halfe pece lacketh in euery ſuch halfe pece of the due lẽgth. iiii. or. b. elles & ſome more & ſome leſſe, beſyde the bredth of aſſyſe and accuſtomed, to the great & extreme hurt to the kynges poore ſubiectꝭ, occuppers byers, & ſellers of the ſame. It may therfore pleaſe your highnes, with the aſſẽt of the lordꝭ ſpirituall & tẽporall, & the comõs in this ꝑſẽt ꝑliament aſſẽbled & by the auctorite of the ſame. to enacte & eſtabliſſhe, ỹ no ꝑſon or perſons, engliſhe nor ſtraũger, denyzyn or alyen, frõ or after ỹ feaſt of ſaynt Mygbel ỹ archaũgel nexte comynge, ſhall brynge & cõuey, or cauſe to be conueyed or brought, by any maner of meanes into this realme of Englande any of the ſayde lynnen clothe called dowlas & lokerams, ſo to be brought or conueyed in to this realme / nat cõteynyng, the ful lẽgthes, bredes, goodnes, & in aſſyſes as is beforſayd and / as here to fore in olde tymes hath ben accuſtomed & vſed, vnder payne of forfayture of the ſame dowlas lokeram ſo to be brought or cõueyed into thꝭ realme, nat conteynynge the ful length, bredth, goodnes, and aſſyſe, or the value therof the one halfe to the kynge our ſouerayne lorde, and the other halfe of the ſayde forfayture to him or them that ſhall take or ſeaſe the ſame, or ſue for the ſame by accyon / or informacyon, byll or other wyſe. In whiche accyons, ſutes or informacyons, no wager of lawe nor eſſoyne ſhalbe admytted.

☞ An acte that all termers may enioye theyr leſſes agaynſt recouerers had by fayned tytles, & falſefy the ſame recouertes. Ca. xv.

WHere afore this tyme diuers ꝑſõs haue made leaſes of theyr maners lãdꝭ, tenemẽtꝭ, & other hereditamẽtes, ſometyme by theyr indentures, and ſomtyme without wrytynges, to other perſons for terme of yeres, takynge of them great fynes for ỹ cõmẽs of the ſame leaſſes, and after the ſame leaſſours, theyr heyres or aſſygnes, haue cauſed & ſuffred recouertes to be had, agaynſt, thẽ in ỹ court of our ſouerayne lorde the kynge, & in other lordes courtes, vpon fayned

and vntrue tytles, by crafte or couen to put ꝑ ſayd termers from theyr ſayd termes. And after ſuch recouerees had, ꝑ ſame recouerees, by reaſon of ſuch recouerees & iudgemētes, haue entred in to ꝑ ſame maners, lādes, tenementes, & other hereditamētes ſo to ferme letten, & therof haue expulſed ꝑ ſayd fermers cōtrary to theyr ſayd leaſſes, couenaūtes, & agremētes. And bycauſe it was doubted to ſome ꝓfons whether the ſayde termers myght ſatiſfie ſuche recouerees or nat. ☞ Be it therfore enacted by ꝑ kyng our ſouereine lord, by aſſēt of ꝑ lordes ſpiritual & tēporal, & the comōs in this ꝓſēt ꝓliamēt aſſēbled, & by the auctorite of ꝑ ſame, ꝑ al ſuch termers ſhall & may ſatiſfie for his terme onely ſuch recouerees, as wel here, to fore had, as hereafter, to be had, in ſuch, wyſe, & forme as a tenaūt of a freholde, ſhal & may do by ꝑ courſe of the cōmon lawe, where ſuch tenaūt of freholde was neyther ꝑty nor partie to ꝑ ſame recouere. And ꝑ the ſame termes theyr executours & aſſygnes, nat wſtādyng ſuch recouerers ſo had, ſhal reteyne holde, & enioye theyr ſayd termes accordyng to theyr ſayd leſſes agaynſt al ſuch recouerees, theyr heyres & aſſygnes as they ſhulde or myght haue done againſt ꝑ ſayd leſſours, if ſuch recouery had nat be had ne ſuffred, & ꝑ the ſame recouerer/ theyr heyres & aſſygnꝭ after ſuch recouery ſo had, ſhal haue lyke remedye againſt ꝑ ſayd termes theyr executours & aſſines, by auowry or accion of det for ꝑ rētꝭ & ſeruicꝭ reſerued vpō ꝑ ſame leſſes beyng due after ꝑ ſame recouerers, & alſo lyke actiōs agaynſt thē for waſt done after ꝑ ſame recouerers ſo had, & lyke maner & forme as ꝑ ſaid leſſours ſhuld or myght haue had if ꝑ ſame recouerers had neuer be had. And alſo be it further enacted by ꝑ auctorite aforſayd, ꝑ no maner of ſtatute of ꝑ ſtaple, ſtatute marchaūt, nor execuciō by elegit, be herafter auoyded or in any wyſe made fruſtrate by meanes of any ſuch fayned recouery, but ꝑ all ꝓfits hauynge any lādes, tenemētꝭ, or other hereditamētꝭ in execution, or beinge intytled to haue execution of any maners, lādes, or tenemētes by any ſuch meanes ſhall haue by force by this eſtature lyke remedy to auoyde & ſatiſfie ꝑ ſame recouerers as before is ordeyned & ꝓuyded for the leſſe for terme of yeres.

☞ In acte concernynge artificers ſtraungers. Cap. xvi.

PRayen the comens in this preſent parlyament aſſembled ꝑ where in the .xv. day of Febꝛuary, in the .xx. yere of the raygne of our nowe moſte gracious ſouereine lorde kynge Henry the .viii. by our ſayde ſouereigne lorde the kyng/ his moſt honorable counſell in his Sterre chambre at Weſtmynſter, for the comon welth of his naturall ſubiectes borne within this his realme by great and deliberate aduyſe, it was demed, adiudged, and decreed, that no ſtraunger artyficer borne out of our ſayd ſouereine lorde his obeyſaunce, inhabityng within any cytie, borough, or any other place within this his realme of Englande/ from henſforth ſhulde kepe in his or theyr houſe or houſes, any maner of ſtraungers ſeruauntes borne out of his obeyſaunce but onely two ſeruauntes ſtraungers and no mo at one tyme. And alſo all and ſyngulers ſtraungers ꝑ than were or after the makyng of the ſayde decre ſhulde be made denyſen ꝑ at the tyme or after the makynge therof wolde inhabyte within the cytie of Lōdon, ſuburbes, or within .v. myles cōpas of ꝑ ſame, & kepe or wold kepe houſes or occupy theyr crafte ſhuld be contributaries to & with our ſayde ſouereine lorde his ſubiectes artificers within ꝑ ſayde cytie of London payeng, beryng, or ſuſteynynge, ſuch

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charges as hereafter shalbe expressed ꝑ is to say, ꝑ al other straũgers artificers denysens or no denisés of euery hãdy crafte, or mystery, inhabityng alswell ẅin ꝑ cyte of Lõdõ as i any other cyte, towne, borough, or village ẅin thys realme shulde pay, bere, & sustayne, al such & lyke charges as our sayd souereine lord his subiects of lyke craft & misterry, do always vse to pay. ¶ And if any of the refused or denyed ꝑ some or any part therof, thã he or they so denyeng or refusyng so to do, shuld nat any longer occupy any hãdy craft vpõ ꝑ paing damags & paines ymposed aswel in ꝑ acts & statuts made in ꝑ.xiiii.& xv. yers of ꝑ reigne of our souereine lord, as in one estature made in ꝑ fyrst yere of ꝑ reygne of kyng Rycharde ꝑ.iii. And ꝑ same straũgers denysés or no denesés housholders, which wold remayne & abyde ẅin our sayd souereine lord his realme, shuld vpõ lawful warto thẽ gyuen by ꝑ mayster & wardés of diuers & sondry misteries, mẽcioned & specified in ꝑ said decree ẅin ꝑ sayde cytes & townes, plẽt thẽ selfe in ꝑ cõmon hall or metynge place of ꝑ sayd crafts, & there to receyue & take theyr othe, & be swoꝛne vpõ ꝑ holy Euangelyst before the mayster & wardeyns of theyr sayd craft to be faythful and true to the kyng our souereyne lorde, and his heyrs kynges of Englande, and to be obedient to him and them and his and theyr lawes.

Also ꝑ no straũger artificer or handy craftes man borne out of our sayd souereyne lorde his obeysaũce, nat beynge denysen, whiche was nat a housholder, ꝑ. xv. day of Februarp aboue sayd, shuld nat set vp ne kepe any house, shop, shoppes, or chãbre, wherin they shulde exercise or occuppe any hãdy craft or misterp, within this our sayde souereine lorde his realme, vpõ payne to incurre & renne into such penalties as be cõteyned in ꝑ statuts before this tyme made & enacted as is afore sayd. And ꝑ none of ꝑ sayd straũgers artificers or hãdy craftes men borne out of our sayd souereine lorde his obeysaũce, as wel denyzens as no denyzens, shulde assẽble in any cõpany, felowshyppe, cõgregacion or cõuentycle, but only in ꝑ comon hall of theyr crafts, with our sayd souereine lorde his subiectes, which be of ꝑ cõpanyes of theyr sayd crafte or crafts, at such tyme as they shulde be cõmaũded & awarded by ꝑ sayde maysters & wardeyns of theyr sayde crafte or craftes, & at none other place & tyme, or in any other maner, vpon the payne afore expressed, as by the sayde decree shewed & exemplyfied, & here vnto annexed vnder our sayd souereyne lorde ꝑ kyng his great seale more playnly & at large it may & doth appere, ꝑ for the comon welth aboue sayd it may be enacted by the kyng our souereyne lorde, the lordes spirituall & tẽporall, & the comõs in this present parlyamẽt assẽbled, & by ꝑ auctorite of the same ꝑ the sayd order and decree, gyuen, & made, by our sayd souereyne lorde the kyng, his most honorable counsel, & all & euery thynge therin conteyned, specyfyed & declared, be holden and obserued fyrme and stable, & duely to be put in execucyon, in euery poynte and artycle, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehersed, accordynge to the purporte, effecte, and true meanynge of the same.

Be it furthermore enacted by ꝑ auctorite aboue sayde, ꝑ the acte made in the parlyamẽt begon at Lõdon ꝑ.xv. day of Aprill, in the.xiiii. yere of ꝑ raigne of our souereine lorde ꝑ kyng ꝑ nowe is, & from London adiourned to Westñ ꝑ laste day of July, in ꝑ.xv. yere of the raygne of our sayd souereyne lorde cõcernynge straungers artificers, for takyng of apprentyces, iourneymen, and couenaunt seruauntes, and euery artycle and prouisions conteyned in the same acte, shalbe

frombenssorth put in due execucion accordyng to ꝑ true entent, meanyng, & pur
porte, of ꝑ same, as well within ꝑ citie of Lõdon, as i al other cyties, bourroughes
and townes corporate within this realme, and the same to endure perpetual, any
thynge cõtayned in the said acte or decree, to the cõtrary notwithstandyng.
Prouyded alwaye ꝑ no artificer alyaũt or straũger borne out of the kynges
obeysaũce, beyng a housholder or inhabityng within any of ꝑ vniuersitez of Oxford
& Cãbrydge, or within ꝑ sentwary of saynt Martyn le graũt within ꝑ cyte of Lõdon
shal frõhensorth haue or retayne in theyr seruyce iourneymen, or apprentyces beig
alyaũtes or straũgers borne, aboue ꝑ nõbre of.x. plõs at one tyme, vpõ paine of
ꝑ penalty cõteyned i ꝑ said acte made in ꝑ said.xiiii.&.xv. yere of our sayde souerayne lord. The punicõs cõteyned or specified in ꝑ same acte notwithstanding.

The decre made in the Sterre chãber for artificers straungers by the kynges most honorable counsell the.xx. day. of Febuary, in the xx. yere of the reygne of our souerayne lorde kyng Henry the. viii.

HEnricus octauus dei gratie Anglie et Francie rex, fidei defẽsor, et dñs Hibernie. Oibus ad quos plẽres littere puenerint salutẽ. Inspexim⁹ quoddã breue nostrum de Certiorand Thome Elyot clerico cõsilio nostri directũ, et in filacus Cãcellar nostre residen in hec verba. Delecto sibi Thome Elyot armigero clerico cõsilio nostri salutẽ, Volentes certos de causis certiorare super tenore cuiusdam finalis decreti coram nobis et cõsilio nostro habit de et super execucione quorundã statutorum et ordinationũ cõtra alienigenas exercẽtes artes et artificia manualia in habitãtes infra regnũ nostrũ Anglie, coram et prouisser nobis precipimus quod tenorẽ finalis decreti ꝓdicti cum aliqus eam tãgentibus nobis in Cancellar nostram sub sigillo tuo distincte et aparte sine dilacione mittas et hoc breue. T. me ipso apud Westmonasterũ. xiiii. die Aprilis. Anno regni nostri vicesimo. Inspexim⁹ etiã quoddã decretũ per nos et cõsilium nostrũ apud Westm̃ in Camera stellata red ditum et in filacis Cancellar nostre similiter residen in hec verba.

WHere of late our true & faythful subiectes, artificers & handy craftes men borne vnder our obeysaũce, inhabityng within our cyte of Lõdon & ꝑ suburbes of ꝑ same, exhibited vnto vs a lamẽtable byll of cõplaynt contenynge ꝑ nat withstandynge many good & necessary statutes and actes of parlyamẽt haue ben edified, ordeyned, and made. And especial one in the fyrste yere of kyng Richarde the. iii. And the other beynge made, in ꝑ yere of ꝑ reygne of our derest father of noble memory, Henry the. vii. Late kynge of this our realme, & in the. xiii. &. xv. yere of our raygne. Concernyng ꝑ straũgers artificers and handy craftes men borne out of our obeysaũce, vsynge & exercysyng handy craftes within this our realme of Englande, as well for ꝑ restraynyng of ꝑ excessyue nõbre & vnreasonable behauyour of ꝑ same straungers artificers, borne out of our obeysaũce, which by cõtynuall resorte & repayre into this our sayd realme/ dayly encreased, to great herrement of ous & our natural subiectes, artificers of the same handy craftes & misteries. And of other sondry inconueniẽces by occasiõ ꝑ vsers of ꝑ sayd subiectes, for lacke of occupacion, fal vnto poisenes, as also for ꝑ

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reformacion of sondry disceytes & falshodes practysed by ꝑ sayd straũgers artificers in theyr sayd hãdy chaftꝭ, to ꝑ great damage & losse of vs & of al our sayd natural subiectꝭ, The sayd straũgers artificers nothyng pondryng or dredyng ꝑ sayd statutꝭ, ne ꝑ penalties in ꝑ same cõteined & expressed, cease nat cõtẽptuously alwel to abuse ꝑ said statutꝭ, as most parte entierly to enfrenge & breke ꝑ same. And to accumulate frõ tyme to tyme more offẽces & enormytees, alwell agayne our progatyke as to ꝑ detremẽt of ꝑ comon welthe of this our realme, & our louynge subiectꝭ of ꝑ same, for whan any serche shalbe made in euery handy crafte wtin any cytie, towne, or borough, corporate wtin our sayd realme by our subiectꝭ ꝑ sayd wardẽs & other, ordeyned by ꝑ sayd laste acte of handy crafte men wtin any cytye, towne, or borough corporate. And one housholder straũgers borne out of our obeysaũce inhabityng wtin our sayd cytie, towne, borough corporate, vsing any hãdy crafte, be he denysen or nat denysen. The said straũgers beyng housholders as before is said, beig lawfully warned & requyred therunto, accordyng to ꝑ sayd acte other wyl refuse to do his durie therin, or els he wyl gyue secret warnynge therof to his brethern of the sayde craftes, wherby they haue nat onely conueyed and hyd all theyr vnlawfull, vntrue, subtyll and disceytful wares, whiche they vntruely, subtylly and disceytefully wares, which they vntruly, subtely, vnsubstantially, and disceytefully, haue made and daily make and vtter of oure subiectes an excessiue & vnreasonable pryce ꝰ to ꝑ great detriment & damagꝭ to our said subiectꝭ, but also theyr seruauntꝭ & prẽticꝭ, they haue hyd frõ ꝑ knowlege of ꝑ sayd wardẽs, whã any such serche hath happened to be made, & so they defraude ꝑ same good & honorable estatute & act, so ꝑ therof no lawful puntisshemẽt could, can, myght, or maye sue, according to ꝑ tenure purporte, & effecte of ꝑ sayd statute, but they cõtẽpne, dispyse & set at nought ꝑ same. wherby & by the other vnlawful meanes aforsayd & others subtylly kẽpyng & cõueyeng ouer ꝑ see bacõ chese, powdered befes, mottõs & other cõmodityꝭ wtin this our realme, nat only wtin & out of ꝑ sayd cyties, townes, & boroughes corporat, But also wtin & out of other places throughout our realme by thẽ ꝑ saide straũgers practised & executed wherby they dayly encrease in great richesse & in greate multitude in nõbres of straũgers, hãdy crafty men borne out of our obeysaũce. And whã they haue gathered moch richesse & money, they agaynst our lawes cõuey ꝑ same money ouer ꝑ see. And thã they also go ouer ꝑ see into theyr coũtris, & there purchase thẽ lãdes & tenewtes wᵗ parte therof & with ꝑ residue of ꝑ same they lyue ther by & sometymes they cõuerte part therof to ꝑ vse of our enemyes in those partes And alwel our poore subiectes Coordewayners, & also our subiectꝭ hãdy cratꝭ me borne wtin our obeysaũce, by ꝑ meanes aforsayd be sore impouerysshed, mynysshed & almoste vterly decayed & destroyed, many of thẽ for lacke of occupacion in ꝑ said hãdy craftes, be cõstrayned to lyue in vdelnesse by occupacyon wherof they do cõtynually fal to theftes, murder, & other great offẽcꝭ, & cõsequẽtly ī great nõbres be put to deth by our lawes as we be informed. And also ꝑ great scarcite of grayne & victel at this present tyme throughout this our realme to be ꝑ more enforced, & caused by reason great multitude & cõtynual recours of ꝑ said straũgers, hãdy craftes men, which consume a great portion of corne & victayle growen & bred within this our realme. The ꝑmysses considered to the entent to be therof more perfytly & truly instructed, for the charytable zele ꝑ we haue to the

cõmen weale of our realme & our said subiectes of ꝑ same. And for ꝑ quyetnesse of ꝑ said straũgers, we haue assigned & gyuen in cõmaũdemẽt to our lorde, and other of our coũsel, indifferẽtly to examyne the ꝓmysses, & alwel to here ꝑ said cõplaynes, as the said defẽdaũtes, & theyr allegeaũces & sayenges, of in & to ꝑ ꝓmyses, & to euery parte therof, & the same by thẽ harde, examyned, & by good deliberate aduyse vnderstanden, to ordeyne, adiuge and dectre the same, after theyr wysdomes & lernynge, where vpon alwel the said byll of complaynte/the answere of the said defendaunte there vnto made, the replicacion of the sayde complaynaũtes to the said answere also made. And all other allegeaunces and sayenges of bothe the sayde parties, by mature & deliberate aduyse by our sayde counsell expeyre, examyned, herde, and vnderstande.

☞ It is ordeined, & adiudged, & dectred, ꝑ .x. day of Februarie, in thys ꝑsẽt terme of saint Hilarii, in ꝑ .xx. yere of our raigne, in our Sterred chambre by the moste reuerende father in god lorde Thomas Cardynal legate de latere, of ꝑ apostolyke see Archebyshop of Yorke, primate & chaunceilour of Englande, & by our nobles & others of our said coũsel, & by the mutuall assẽtes of the cõplaynaũtes and defẽdaũtes than there beyng, in maner & fourme folowyng. That is to say that according to the acte of parliamẽt made ꝑ said .xiiii. & .xv. yere of our reigne that no straũger artificer borne out of our obeysaũce, inhabityng within any cytie, towne, or borough, or any other place within this realme of Englande from thẽceforth, shal kepe in his or theyr house or houses, any mũner of seruaũtes straũgers borne out of our obeysaũce, but onely two straungers seruauntes, and no more at one tyme. And ꝑ as many of the straũgers, artificers nowe inhabityng within any cytie towne, or borough corporate, or in any other place within our realme, ꝑ wyl be appryntyses or seruaũtes to or with any of our subiectes artificers borne within our obeysaũce exercysyng newe or olde shulle, inhabityng within our realme, shalbe suffred so to abyde, & dwel with thẽ, without interruptiõ as lõge as they wyll so contynue and abyde, with them, and can agre together.

☞ And furthermore it is dectred ꝑ it shalbe lefull to all & euery of ꝑ said straũgers artificers nowe beyng housholders within our said realme, to take as many of our subiectes borne within our obeysaũce, to be theyr seruaũtes or appryntyses in the crafte, ꝑ they do exercyse as they can lawfully gette. And ꝑ al ꝑ straũgers artificers nowe beyng housholders within our said cytie of Lõdon, subarbes, parishes, or cõpas therof, expressed in the said statutes, or within .ii. myles cõpas of ꝑ said parysshes. And also al & synguler straũgers that nowe be, or hereafter shalbe made denysens, ꝑ do or hereafter wyl inhabyte within our sayde cytie of Lõdon, subbarbes, or parysshes aforesaid or within two myles cõpasse of ꝑ same and kepe houses & occupie theyr crafte, shalbe cõtributorye to &, with our subiectes artificers within our cytie of Lõdon, payenge, berynge, & sustenyng such charges as hereafter shalbe expressed. That is to say, as wel euery of the sayde straungers beynge of the crafte & mysterye of Corderwayners, householders, or denysens that nowe be, or hereafter shalbe made denysens, and shal inhabyte within our said cytie, subarbes, parysshes, or two myles compasse of the same/ shall quarterly pay to the said mayster, wardens, and cõpanye of the sayde crafte of Corderwayners, within our said cytie of Lõdon for ꝑ tyme beyng. vi.ð

And euery seruaũt straũger of the said occupacion of the said Corderwayners

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within the sayd cytie,suburbes,& prescincte,nat beynge denysen,shall quarterly pay to the sayd maysters,wardens,& cõminaltie.iii.d.And ꝑ al other straũgers artificers & denysens,of euery handy,crafte & mystery,inhabityng aswel within our sayde cytie of London,as in any cytie or towne within this oure realme, shall paye,bere,and sustayne al suche and lyke charges as our subiectes of lyke crafte and mystery borne out of our obeysannce,inhabytynge within the cytye, borough,towne,of their inhabytacyon at this tyme,do bere,and sustayne.And also all straũgers artyficers,and denysens exercysynge the crafte & mystery of Cordewaynets dwellynge out of our sayd cytie of London in any other cytie or towne within this our realme,shal pay,bere,& sustayne,scotte,tares,tallage,subsidyes,prestes,& all other reasonable exaccions from tyme to tyme,accordynge as the forsayd maysters,wardens,& companyes of the sayd craftes for the tyme beynge,shalbe bounde to pay,bere,& sustayne/whan any subsidie,tare,tallage/ or prest,or other reasonable charges shall by the mayre & aldermen of our sayde cytie of London & the mayres & aldermen of our sayd other cyties,& townes,or by the comon coũsel of the sayd cytie,cyties,& townes,of and for any charges or paymentes of money to be payde by ꝑ cõpanyes of ꝑ sayd crafts cytizens of any cytie,for any paymẽt to be made vnto ꝑ kynges highnes,or his heyres or els to be payde for any cause concernynge the comon welthe of any our sayd cyties or townes,or comon welth of the sayd artificers,the sayd straũgers shall pay all ꝑ same ꝑ they shalbe assessed or tared to pay,as cõtributories with the sayde companyes beyng our subiectes,as our sayd subiects shalbe assessed & tared to pay. And if any of thẽ deny or refuse the same,or any parte therof,than he or they denyenge & refusynge so to do,shall nat onely lose ꝑ benefite of this decre,but also shal nat any longer occupy any handy craft,vpõ the paynes,daũgers,& parels specified in the aboue remembred actes and statutes.

☞ And ꝑ aswel al & euery of ꝑ said housholders straũgers aforsayd,as al other straũgers artificers,made or to be made denyzẽs,ꝑ shalbe housholders,& inhabyte & occupy any crafte wtin our sayd cytie,suburbes,or.ii.myle compas of the same as longe as they shal remayne & abyde wtin ꝑ sayd cytie.suburbes and.ii. myle cõpas of ꝑ same,beyng reasonably requyred & warned,by ꝑ wardens and other plõs gouernours in any cytie,towne,or borowe,corporate of their sayde crafts wtin any of our sayd cyties or towns corporate,or by any of thẽ for ꝑ tyme beyng or by their lawful deputies or deputie,shal go wt ꝑ sayd wardẽs or other gouernours there as mo wardẽs be,to make serche according to ꝑ aboue remẽbred acts of pliamẽt made i ꝑ.xiiii.& xv.yere of our raygne,which if they refuse to do,& ꝑ proued before ꝑ chaũcellour of Englande,or before ꝑ mayre of Lõdon and other cyties,before the chefe plons of ꝑ sayd cyties or townes,for the tyme beyng,ꝑ than ꝑ same housholders or householder,so offendyng,denyeng or refusynge ꝑ same,shal no leger ꝑ same his occupacõ exercise or vse wtin this our realme,vpõ,payne,parel,& daũger expressed in ꝑ afore remẽbred acts & statutes,& ꝑ the same straũgers artificers denyzẽs or nat denyzẽs housholders,which wyl remayne & abyde wtin our sayd realme,shal vpõ lawfull notyce thẽ gyuen by ꝑ mayster or wardẽs of their craft,or one of thẽ psonally present them selues in the comon hall or metyng place of their sayd crafts,wtin our sayd cyties & townes

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there as they be inhabytynge. And than ꝫ there euery of thē to receyue and take theyr othes, ꝫ be sworne vpō the holy Euangelist, before ꝑ mayster ꝫ wardeyns of theyr sayde craft ꝫ mystery, within our sayd cyties ꝫ townes corporate, to be faythful ꝫ true to vs ꝫ our heyres kyngꝭ of Englande. And to be obedyēt to vs and thē ꝫ our ꝫ theyr lawes, ꝫ to all actꝭ, ordinaūces, ꝫ decrees made ꝫ cōfirmed by vs ꝫ our coūsel, or by our coūsel, ꝫ durīg ꝫ truely at al tymes whan they shal be appoynted by ꝑ wardeyns of theyr seiowelshyp, craft, or mysterye, for ꝑ tyme beyng, or theyr deputies, to make serche with thē accordyng to ꝑ purport tenure or effecte of an estature ꝫ act of pliamēt made in ꝑ. xiiii. ꝫ. xv. yere of our raigne ꝫ haue warnyng ꝫ monycion therof by ꝑ wardeyns or any of thē, or any other theyr sufficiēt deputie or deputies in ꝑ behalfe to thē made ꝫ gyuen. And ꝑ they shalbe redy, to go w ꝑ sayd wardens to make ꝑ same serche. And ꝑ they shal nat gyue notyce to any straūger of ꝑ sayd serche, vntyl they w ꝑ sayd wardēs come togyther to make ꝑ sayd serche, ꝫ ꝑ they shal wel, indifferently, ꝫ truely, behaue/ thē, in, ꝑ same. Set al affeccyon, fauoure, malyce, ꝫ hyede, of any creature / and al fraude ꝫ deceyte a part. So helpe thē god ꝫ all sayntꝭ, ꝫ by ꝑ holy Euāgelyst And theyr othe so receyued in fourme aforesayde, the sayd straungers shal pay for theyr admyssion, accordyng as our sayd subiectes haue alway vsed to paye.

❧ It is also further decreed ꝑ no straūger artificer, or handy craftꝭ mā, borne out of our obeysaūce, nat beyng denysen which at ꝑ day of ꝑ makyng of thꝭ decree is nat a housholder w̄in thꝭ our realme, or kepeth any shoppe or shoppꝭ w̄in the sayd cytie ꝫ subarbes, or any other cytie, towne, or borough, w̄in this our realme shal from ꝑ day forwarde, set vp or kepe, any house / shoppe, or chamber, w in our cytie of Lōdon subarbes, or parysshes before rehersed, or within any other cytie, towne, borough, or vyllage, w̄in this our realme, wherin he shal exercyse and practyse any handy crafte or mistery, vpō payne to incurre ꝫ ten in such penalties, as be conteyned, in the statutes, before this tyme made and enacted.

☞ And ꝑ none of ꝑ sayd, straūgers, artificers, or hādy craftes mē borne out of our obeysaūce, as wel denysens as other shal aūcole in any company, felyshyp, cōgregacion, or cōuēticle but onely in ꝑ cōmon hall of theyr craftꝭ, w our subiectes, which be of ꝑ cōpany of theyr sayd crafte or craftꝭ, at suche tyme as they shalbe cōmaūded ꝫ awarded by ꝑ mayster ꝫ wardens of ꝑ sayd crafte or craftes and at none other place ꝫ tyme, or in any other maner vpō payne afore expressed

❧ Prouided alway ꝑ this decree ꝫ euery part therof cōcernynge ꝑ crafte and mysterye of coyderwarners shal extende alwei to thē ꝑ worke olde stuffe as newe within our cytie of Lōdon, ꝑ subarbes of the same, or in any other cytie, towne, borough, or vyllage, within this our realme of Englande. ¶ Prouided also ꝑ nat withstāding any wordes cōprysed in this decree, ꝑ straūgers, artificers, denysens or nat denysens inhabityng in ꝑ vniuersities of Oxenforde, ꝫ Cambryge ꝫ within ꝑ serwary of sayut Martyns le graūt w̄in ꝑ cytie of Lōdon shal enioy al ꝑ benefitꝭ ꝫ auaūtages reserued vnto thē by reason of any pūcion made by acte of pliamēt expressed in ꝑ statute made in ꝑ. xiiii. ꝫ. xv. yere of our reygne. So ꝑ the sayd straūgers denysens or nat denysens, inhabityng w̄in ꝑ sayd serwary of sayut Martyns le graūt, be cōformable to suche direccion ꝫ order as shalbe taken by ꝑ reuerende father in god Cuthberte bysshop of Lōdon, ꝑ [illegible] Broke knyght chefe baron of our escheker, ser Johñ More knyght, one of the

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Justices of our bench syr Johñ Wauey & syr Johñ Mayn knyghtes, to whõ we haue of late directed our letters patentes, & by ye same gaue the power & auctoryte, cõmaũdyng the & euery of the to cause ye bowse of euery straũger & denysen artificer inhabityng & dwellyng with ye said cyte to be serched & vyewed, howe many seruauntes he or they kepe bozne out of our obeysaũce, & they beyng al vyewed & sene the to appoynt to euery of ye said straũgers, housholders inhabityng with the said cyte by the mayntre aldermen so tryed to be within ye bowses & lyberties of ye said cyte such nõbre of seruauntes straũgers borne out of our obeysaũce, as they by theyr discrecions shall thynke cõuenient & nat to be to any detrymẽt vnto our subiectes inhabytaũte within our said cyte. Also cõmaũdyng in our name al & euery ye said straũgers, denysens, housholders, & they strõgers do not kepe with theyr houses or in any other bowse shoppe or chãbre within our said cyte of Lõdon, or ye suburbes of ye same, any mo seruauntes beyng borne out of our obeysaũce than shalbe to the at ye tyme by them appoynted, as they wyl auoyde ye daũger & penaltie of our lawe, & what they haue done in the premysses they do certifye to vs & to our counsel into our Starre chãbre at Westmynster at the .xv. day of Ester next comyng. In wytnesse wherof we wyl as wel the said decrees as al other ye premysses shalbe exemplyfied vnder our seale. Nos autẽ tenorem predicti decreti predicti ad requisitionem magistri et gardianorum artis siue misterie aulutatorũ sine Cotydewaynes Lõdon durim⁹ exemplificãdum per presentes. In cuius rei testimoniũ has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westm. vicesimo die Aprilis. Anno regni nri vicesimo.

¶ An acte for the annullyng of the letters patentes made to the cyte of Yorke cõcernyng shyppyng of wolles. Cap. xvii.

WHere as ye kyng our soueraine lord vpõ sayned suggestion surmysed to his highnes to haue ben for the aduaũcemẽt of his aũcient cyte of Yorke by his letters patentes graũted vnto ye mayre & cytesens of the same cyte of Yorke to shyp cõuey transporte, & cary vnto ye port of Hul in ye cõtie of Yorke, wolles & felles, of ye growyng of diuers places in ye said cõtie expressed as in ye said letters patentes may appere, ye tenure wherof hereafter ensueth ¶ Henry ye. viii. by ye grace of god kyng of Englande & of Fraũce, defẽder of ye fayth, & lorde of Irelande to al & euery our Justices, mayres, shyrefes, baylyfes customers, cõtrollers, cõstables & all other our leges & subiectes, as well within the lyberties as without, greetyng, knowe you ye we of our especiall grace, mere mocyon & lyberalyte, hauinge a tender zele & loue to ye encrease, auaũcemẽt, and amẽdemẽt, of our auncient cyte of Yorke, haue gyuen & graũted, & by these presentes gyue & graũt for vs & our heyres as moche as in vs is vnto our louyng & humble subiectes, ye mayre & cytesens of ye said cyte & to euery of the, & to theyr heyres & successours, & to ye heyres & successours of euery of the as longe as they inhabyte & dwell within our sayde cyte and be free of the same, free lyberte and lycence from hensforth frõ tyme to tyme, to shyp conuey, transporte, & cary vnto our port of Hull, in our countie of Yorke, & fromthense to all forayn countreys & regiõs at theyr pleasure by the seines, theyr apprentices, iournemen & factours to theyr owne vse onely. All such wolles & felles whiche any of the said cytezẽs inhabyted in our said cyte & beyng free therof by theyr featour & polices of mar chãdyse or otherwyse, may lawfully attayne & come by of ye sayde breed, failynge

growyng & encreasynge, within ꝑ kynges & places of Houdenshyre, Marches lāde ꝑ honour of Pountfret, Otley, ꝑ forest of Knaresburghe, Richmondeshyre Cleueland, ꝑ forest of Gaueres, Blakmore, & Yorkeswolde, or in any of thē our sayde cōtie of Yorke without any daūger, payne, trouble, or damage of any of the sayde cytezens, theyr heyres, or successours, or losse, seasure or forfayture of any of ꝑ sayd wolles or felles, any of thē, or any payne punyshmēt, or penalty, for thē, or any of thē to be had, done, or attempted, for or by vs or our heyres, or by any of our mynysters or subiectes in our name or to our vse, or to the vse of our heyres, by vertu of any act vse, or ordinaūce, or estature, here to fore made agaīst any of ꝑ said cytezens theyr heyres or successours, & without any toll, charge, or impoysycyon, to be had preuyed & taken to our vse, or to the vse of our heyres, of any of ꝑ sayd cytezens for ꝑ sayde wolles & felles, or any of thē, other than suche lyke custome & subsedye as ꝑ inhabytaūtes of our towne of Newcastell for wolles & felles by thē shypped & trāspozted to forayne countreys vsen comōly to pay. Any acte or ordynaūce here to fore made or to be made to ꝑ cōtrary nat withstandynge, whiche custome & subsedy shalbe cōtented to our vse frō tyme to tyme by our sayd cytezens to our custome of ꝑ sayd porte of Hull, for ꝑ tyme beyng. And moze ouer we of our especiall grace by these pītes graūt vnto ꝑ sayde mayze & cytezens ꝑ these our preīēt letters of speēe, shalbe to ꝑ sayde mayze & cytezens, & to euery of thē to theyr heyres, & successours & to theyr heyres and successours of euery of thē at al tymes hereafter good & auayleable for euer agaynste vs & our heyres, in, & for the symples & for euery of thē accordyng to the tenure therof in euery behalfe without any reistraynte, repeale, dymynycyon, or reuocacyon, here after to be had or made therof, or of any parte of the same. Al be it there be no expresse mēcion of the very value & certaynte of the premysses in these our letters specyfyed. Any acte or ordynaūce here to fore made, or to be made, to the cōtrary nat withstandynge. And the sayd mayze & cytezens shall haue these our preīent letters of speēe vnder our great seale, with out any fyne or fee to our vse in our hampet therof to be payde, & without any further warraūt to be optepned of vs to be dyrected to any of our mynysters & officers in ꝑ behalfe. In wytnesse wher of we haue caused these our letters patentes to be sealed with our great seale at Hampton courte, the .xxii. day of August, the .xv. yere of our raygne. Wythen ꝑ which letters patentes, the sayde cytie is therby nothynge helped ne encreased accordynge to the sayde surmyse, nor the cōmynalte therof in any thyng therby encreased or auaunced, but such profyte as dyd growe by reason of the sayd letters patentes came to the handes of .iii. or .iiii. persons there onely, contrary to the entent & meanynge of our sayde souerayne lorde, by reason wherof our sayd souerayne lorde hath sustayned & dayly doth sustayne great losses in his customes, of wolles and felles, & the clothears there lacke the wolles wherwyth they vsed to make clothe within the sayd countre, whiche in length shulde nat onely growe to the hurte of al the kynges poze subiectes that be occupyed with makynge of clothe in thole partyes, but also to the kynges disinheritaunce & mynyshynge of his sayde customes yf it were contynued.

In cōsideracion wherof be it enacted by ꝑ kyng our souerayne lorde, by the aduyse of ꝑ lordes spirituall & temporall, & the cōmons in this preīēt parlyament assēbled, & by the assent & auctorite of the same, ꝑ the sayde letters patentes and

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euery thynge therin conteyned,be fröhenſforth annulled,repelled & voyde & of none effecte. And ỳ ỳ ſayd mayre & cyteſens,nor theyr heyres nor ſucceſſours ſhall nat haue nor take fröhenſforth any auauntage,pfite,or cõmodite by reaſon of ỳ ſame letters patétes, or any ipréce & graũt, or any other thyng therin cõteyned in any wyſe.Pꝛouided alway & be it enacted by ỳ auctorite aforeſayde ỳ no cyteſens or inhabitãtes wtin ỳ ſayd cytie,which before ỳ fyrſt day of this ꝑſent pliamẽt haue ſhypped,cburyed,or carped any wolles or felles into ỳ ſayde porte of Hull by vertue & auctorite of ỳ kynges ſayd letters patétes be charged ne chargeable vnto ỳ kynges hyghnes,for or with more paymẽt,charge,or impoſicyon for ỳ ſayde wolles or felles,or eny of thẽ other than with ſuche lyke cuſtomes & ſubſedye as ỳ ſayde inhabytaũtes of ỳ towne of Newcaſtel,for wolles & felles by thẽ ſhypped & tranſported,vſen comonly to pay accordynge as is afore rehercéd in ỳ letters patẽtes.And no further ne other wyſe,any informacion,or any other charge or mater,had,made or hereafter to be made,or had in the kynges eſchequer or other for the contrary natwithſtandynge.

An acte concernynge Newcaſtell vpon Tyne,and the porte and hauen there vnto belongynge.Ca.xviii.

HUmbly ſhewen to your hyghnes your true & faythfull ſubiectes/ỳ mayre burgeyſes,& commynalte of your towne of Newcaſtell vpon Tyne ỳ where your grace & your moſt noble progenytours kynges of England tyme out of mynde haue ben ſeaſed of ỳ ſayde towne,& of the portes & hauen of ỳ ryuer of Tyne therunto belongyng and of al grounde wt water couered wtin ỳ ſayde ryuer of Tyne,frõ one place in the mouth of ỳ ſayd ryuer,called ỳ ſparhauke,to one ther place in ỳ ſame ryuer called Hedwynſtremes in theyr demeane,as of fee,in ryght of theyr crowne of Engläde & as parcel of ỳ ſame.And durynge all ỳ ſayde tyme all maner of ꝓfon or ꝓfits,as well fre men as ſtraũgers & denyzés,applyeng or compyng into ỳ ſayde porte,hauen & ryuer,frõ any ꝑties of beyõde ỳ ſee,or of this realme of Engläde with ſhippes,or other veſſels,charged,or loden wt any maner of wares or marchandyſes,or ſhyppyng,chargyng,or lodynge,any ſhyppes or veſſels with any kynde of marchaũdyſes to be cõueyed out of this ſayd port & hauen,to any ꝑtes of this realme of Engläde or els wherout of this ſayd realme,haue always durynge all the ſayde tyme,vſed to charge,& diſcharge,lode,& vnlode,theyr ſayde goodes,wares,& marchũdyſes,at the ſayde towne of Newcaſtell,and no where els wtin the ſayd port & hauen & there haue always payde to your ſayd highnes and your ſayd moſt noble progenitours all cuſtomes,ſubſedyes,tolles,& other thinges due for the ſame,amountynge yerely to ỳ ſõme of fyue hondred poũdes and aboue:wherof your ſayd ꝓgenytours,your hyghnes and youre aſſygnes haue bene hytherto duely & truely anſwered & payed as in youre eſchekier more ample & at large doth appere.The which your towne of newcaſtell is as wel in tyme of warres as of peace,ỳ chefe keyrelyef & defence or all the partes of this your realme therunto adioynynge. And by reaſon of the ſayde lyberties and fraunchyſes,your ſayde towne hath ben this tyme wel replynyſſhed and mayntened.In ſo moch as the inhabytaũtes of your ſayd towne of late dayes haue ben able to ſerue your hyghnes in youre warres wtih.iiii.C.maryners or more apte and able perſones for that purpoſe,tyll nowe of late,that dyuers greate

personages as wel spirituall as tẽporall hauinge lãdes adioynynge to the sayde
port & ryuer betwene ꝑ sayd towne of newcastel & ꝑ see, apte & ready for chargyng
and discharggyng of shyppꝭ & marchaũdises, haue charged & discharged, lodyd/
& vnlodyd diuers shyppes & marchaũdyses within ꝑ sayd porte & hauen at the
sayd places, nat payenge therfore any customes or other duetyes to your highnꝭ
by meane wherof your sayd towne is lykely to come to vtter decaye and ruyne.
And ꝑ inhabytauntꝭ of ꝑ same to refuse & reynquysshe ꝑ sayd towne, & to repayre
& resorte to ꝑ sayd places to ꝑ great disheryson of your hyghnes & impuissheme̅t
of your customes, subsidies & duties, & pfites, customably payde at your towne
& port aforesayd. And also where diuers ways & fysshgates of late tyme haue ben
made, teed, fyxed, & set in ꝑ sayd port & ryuer of Tyne betwene your sayd towne
& the hye see, by diuers pſõs hauing great lãdes & tenemẽtes adioynyng to the
said ryuer, most specially wtin ꝑ bysshopryche of Durham where your gracious
writtꝭ doth nat rone, & were your cõmissiõs out of your court of Chauncery or o-
ther your courtꝭ, do nat take any effect, by meane wherof great sande beddes, &
grauel hepes be growẽ & cast vp in ꝑ sayde ryuer & porte, so ꝑ wtin fewe yeres to
come no shyp of good burde or weyght shalbe able to com or resorte to your said
towne, to ꝑ inestymable hurt of ꝑ cõtreys therunto adioynynge, & to ꝑ greate
damage of this your realme, specially to all pſons nedynge see coles, whithe be
onely cõueyed frõ ꝑ said port of Newcastel, & in no where els, had or to be shyp-
ped wtin this your realme. ¶ In cõsideracyon wherof it may please your high-
nes of your most habũdaũt grace w ꝑ assent of your lordꝭ spirituall & tẽporall, &
the cõmons of this ꝓsẽt pliamẽt assẽbled, & by ꝑ auctorite of ꝑ same, to enacte or-
deyne, & establysshe, ꝑ frohensforth any marchaũt or marchauntes, or any other
pſon or pſons, shall nat shyp, lode, or vnlode, charge, or discharge any maner of
goodes, wares or marchaũdises, to be solde here within this your realme or els
where, into or frõ any shyp or shyppes, or other vessels, in or at any place or pla-
ces within ꝑ said port ryuer & hauen betwene ꝑ sayd place called ꝑ sparhauke, &
the sayd place called Hedwynstremes, but onely at ꝑ sayd towne of Newcastel, &
no where els, vpõ payne of forfayture of all such goodꝭ, wares & marchaũdises
to ꝑ kyng our souerayne lorde, & to his heyres kynges of Englãde, & ꝑ it shalbe
lefull vnto ꝑ mayre, burgeyses & cõpynaite of ꝑ said towne of Newcastel & theyr
successours & al other ꝑ kyngꝭ officers ther fore tyme beyngr, for to take & seale
al ꝑ sayd such forfeyt goodꝭ, watꝭ & marchaũdises to ꝑ vse of our souerayne lord
ꝑ kyng & of his heyres, & ꝑ value therof to be answered in his eschequer. ¶ Be
it also enacted & establysshed by ꝑ auctorite aforesayd, ꝑ euery owner, fermer, or
occupyer of ꝑ said wares gorꝭ, & engynes & euery of ꝑ same do abate, put downe
& put away ꝑ same wares gores, & engynes, on this syde the feast of Ester nexte
comyng. And ꝑ no maner pſon or pſõs frõhensforth, arryse, leuey or make, any ma-
ner wayre, goze, and engyn, in the sayde hauen betwene the sayde places called
sparhawke & hedwynstremes, vpon payne of. C. li. of lawfull Englysshe money
for euery tyme they do the contrary, wherof ꝑ one halfe shal be to our souerayne
lorde ꝑ kyng, & the other halfe to him or thẽ ꝑ wyll sue therfore by accyon of det
bylle, playnt, or informacion in any of ꝑ kynges courtes, wherin ꝑ ney defẽdaũt
shall nat wage his law, nor in ꝑ action, any essoyn, lycẽce, ne ꝓtectyon be alowed.
☞ And further it shalbe lawfull at al tymes after ꝑ feast of Whytsontyde next

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cõpyng to ꝑ mayre burgeyses & cõmynalte of ꝑ sayd towne of newcastel & theyr successours to abate, pluche downe, & take away al & euery of ꝑ sayd wayres, gores & engyns ꝑ shalbe thã sosside stãdynge in any place wthin ꝑ said port & hauen betwene ꝑ sayd place of spatchawke & hedwynstremes, & ꝑ hereafter shalbe newly made, leuped & alterred, any where within the same, without trouble, lette or deracyon, of any maner person or persons by sute in the lawe or otherwyse.

Prouyded alway ꝑ this acte be noe prꝛiudicial or hurtful to any ꝑson or pſõs beyng the kynges subiectes, for beyng shyppyng, lodynge, or vnlodynge of any salte or fysshe wythin ꝑ sayd ryuer & porte, or to any of thẽ, or any other person or pſõs repayrynge to ꝑ sayd porte, with shyppes & marchãdises, for sellyng or brenge of any wares or marchãdyses nedefull for ꝑ wyttelynge, & ancoryng of theyr sayde shyppes at the tyme of theyr there beynge within the sayde porte. This acte or any thinge comprysed in the same notwithstandynge.

An acte concernynge auowtyes.

WHere as wel the noble mẽ of this realme as diuers other ꝑsons by fynes, recouertes, graũtes, & secrete feoffementes, & leases, made by theyr tenaũtes, to pſõs vnknowen of the lãdes & tenemẽtes holden of thẽ/ haue ben put frõ the knowlege of theyr tenaũtes, vpõ whõ they shulde by ordre of the lawe make theyr auowtyes for theyr rẽtes, customes, & seruyces, to theyr great losses & hynderaũces. Be it therfore enacted, establysshed & ordeyned/ by auctoryte of this ꝑsẽt parliamẽt, ꝑ where in euer any maner lãdes tenẽtꝭ, or other hereditamẽtꝭ, be holden of any maner ꝑson or pſõs, by rentꝭ, customes or seruyces ꝑ ꝑſ ꝑ lorde of whõ any such maner lãdes, tenẽtes, or hereditamẽtꝭ be holden, dystrayne vpõ the same maners lãdes or tenẽtes for any such rẽtes, customes or seruices, & replevyne therof to be sued, ꝑ the lorde of whom ꝑ same lãdes, tenemẽtes, or hereditamẽtꝭ be so holde may auowe or his baylyffe or seruaũt make conysaũce or iustyfycacyon for takyng of ꝑ said distresses vpõ ꝑ same lãdes, tenemẽtes or hereditamẽtes, so holden, as in lãdes or tenẽtes wthin his see or seygnorye. Alegynge in ꝑ said auowtye, conysaũce & iustyfycacion ꝑ same manor lãdes & tenemẽtes, to be holden of him wout nampynge of any ꝑson certayne to be tenaũtes of ꝑ same & without makyng any auowtye, iustyfycacion, or conysaũce vpõ any ꝑson certayne. And lykewyse ꝑ lorde, bayly, or seruaũt, to make auowtye, iustyfycacõ or conysaũce in lyke maner and forme vpon euery wryt, sued of seconde deliueraunce.

And also be it enacted by ꝑ said auctoryte ꝑ euery auowant & euery other ꝑson or pſõs ꝑ make any such auowtye, iustyfycacion or conysaũce, as bayly or seruaũt, to any pſõ or pſõs ī any replegiare or secõde deliueraũce for rentꝭ, customes seruices or for damage fesaunt, or other serẽt or rẽtes, vpon any distresse take in any lãdꝭ or tenẽtꝭ. If ꝑ same auowtye conysaũce, or iustyfycacion be foũd for thẽ, or the plaintyffꝭ in ꝑ same be non sute or otherwyse, barred, ꝑ thã they shal, recouer, theyr damagꝭ, & costꝭ agaynst ꝑ said playntyffꝭ, as ꝑ same plaintyffꝭ shulde haue done or had it they had recouered in ꝑ replegiare or secõde deliueraunce founde agaynst ꝑ said defẽdaũtꝭ. And be it also ordeyned ꝑ ꝑ sayd plaintyffes & defẽdaũtꝭ ī ꝑ said wrytꝭ of replegiare, or wrytꝭ of secõde deliueraũce & ī euery of thẽ, shal haue lyke pleas, & lyke ayde prayers in all such auowtyes, conysaũcꝭ & iustyfycacyõs (pleas of duresse only except) as they might haue had before ꝑ making of thꝭ acte. And as thoughe ꝑ sayde auowtye, conysaũce or iustyfycacion had bene

made after ꝑ due ordre of ꝑ comon lawe. And it is further enacted by ꝑ sayd auꝰ
torite ꝑ al such plons as by ꝑ ordre of ꝑ comon lawe maye lawfully ioyne to the
plaintiffes or defendaũtes in ꝑ sayd writtes of replegiare or sicõde deliuerãce
as well without ꝓcesse, as by ꝓcesse, shall from hensforth ioyne vnto the sayde
playntyffes or defendaũtes, alwell without ꝓcesse or by ꝓcesse, and to haue lyke
pleas ꝛ lyke auaũtages in all thinges (ỽyclaimer onely except. As they myght
haue done by the ordre of the comon lawe before the makynge of this acte.

¶ An acte that the ꝓsident of the kynges counsel shalbe associate with the Chauncellour and Treasourer of Englande, and the keper of the kynges ꝓuy seale. Cap. xx.

WHere at a ꝑliamẽt holden at Westm. in ꝑ thyrde yere of the reygne of
our last most dred souerayne lorde kyng Henry ꝑ. viii. for as moch as
by ꝑ lawful mayntenaũces, gyuynge of lyueres, lygnes, tokens and
retaynders, by indẽtures, ꝑmises, othes, wrytyngs, or otherwyse, enbracerye of
his subiects, vntrue demeanynge of sheryffes, in makynge of panels, and other
vntrue returnes, by takynge of money, by ryotes ꝛ greate ryottes ꝛ vnlawfull
assẽbles, ꝑ policy ꝛ good rule of this realme was almost subdued. And for the
punyshemẽt of these incõuenyẽces by ꝑ occasion of ꝑ ꝑmisses nothing or lytell
myght be doũ by enquere, wherby ꝑ laws of the lãdes in execution myght take
lytel effecte, which was to ꝑ encrease of murders, roberies, pluries, ꝛ vniuersities
of al mẽ lyuyng, ꝛ losse of theyr lãdes ꝛ goodes, to ꝑ great displeasure of almightye
god. For reformacyon of which ꝑmisses it was ordeyned ꝛ enacted by auctorite
of ꝑ sayd ꝑliamẽt amongest other thynges ꝑ the Chaũceller ꝛ treasorer of Englãd
for ꝑ tyme beyng, ꝛ ꝑ keper of ꝑ kynges ꝓuy seale, or two of thẽ, callyng to thẽ a
byshop ꝛ a tẽporal lorde of ꝑ kynges most honorable coũsel. And ꝑ. ii. cheke iu-
stices of ꝑ kynges bẽche ꝛ ꝑ comon place of there tyme beynge, or other. ii. iusti-
ces in theyr ablẽces, vpõ byl or informacion, put to ꝑ sayd chaũceller for ꝑ kyng,
or any other against any ꝑson for any mysbehauyng afore reherced, shuld haue
auctorite to cal before thẽ by wryt or by ꝓuy seale ꝑ sayde misdoers. And they ꝛ
other by theyr discrecion by whõ ꝑ trouth might be knowen to exampne. And
such as they shuld fynde defective to punysshe thẽ after theyr demerites, after ꝑ
forme ꝛ effecte of statutes therof made, in lyke maner ꝑ fourme as they shuld and
ought to be punysshed if they were therof cõuicted after ꝑ due order of ꝑ law, as
by ꝑ same statute amõge other thynges now playnly doth appere. Neuertheles
in ꝑ same good ꝛ ꝓfitable estatute, ꝑ ꝑsidẽt of ꝑ kynges most honorable coũsel for
ꝑ tyme beyng attẽdyng vpõ his most noble ꝛ royal ꝑson is admytted, ꝛ nat na-
med in ꝑ sayd former statutes made in ꝑ thyrd yere of ꝑ reygne of kyng Hẽry the
viii. to be one of ꝑ sayd ꝑsons ꝑ shulde haue auctorite to call before thẽ such mys-
doers so offẽdyng the kynges lawes, in any of the ꝑmyses as is before reherced.

¶ Be it therfore nowe by ꝑ auctorite of this ꝑsẽt ꝑliamẽt, ordeyned ꝛ enacted
ꝑ tröhensforth ꝑ Chaũceller, Treasorer of Englande, ꝛ the ꝓsidẽt of ꝑ kynges
most honorable coũsel attẽdynge vpõ his most honorable ꝑson for ꝑ tyme beyn-
ge ꝛ keper of ꝑ kynges ꝓuy seale or two of thẽ callyng vnto thẽ one byshop, ꝛ one
tẽporal lorde of the kynges most honorable coũsel. And ꝑ two cheke Iustices of
the kynges benche ꝛ the comen place for ꝑ tyme beyng, or other two of ꝑ kynges
Iustices in theyr absence vpon any byll or informacion hereafter to be put in,

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The Chaunceller of Englande, treasorer, presydent of the kynges sayde moste honorable councell, or keper of ꝑ kynges ꝓiue seale for ꝑ tyme beynge, for any mysdehauynge before rehersed, shall haue full power & auctorite to call before thē by wrytt or ꝓiue seale such mysdoers, & thē & other by theyr discrecions by whome ꝑ trouth may be knowen to examine. And such as they shal fynde deserue, to punisshe thē after theyr demerytes. After ꝑ fourme & effecte of ꝑ sayde former estatute & of al other estatutes therof tofore made & not repelled nor expressed in lyke maner & forme as they shulde & ought to be punysshed yf they were therof convycted after the due ordre of the kynges lawes.

☞ And also be it enacted by auctorite of this ꝑsent ꝓiament ꝑ the presydent of the kynges sayde most honorable counsel for the tyme beynge, yf he be than ꝑsent, may be at all tymes hereafter associate with the Chaūcellour, Tresorer of Englande, & keper of the kynges ꝓiue seale for the tyme beynge, aswell at the hampynge of sherysses & lettynges of ꝓices of wynes as at al other actes lymytted and appoynted by any statute to be done by the sayde Chaunceller & Tresorer, or keper of the kynges ꝓiue seale for the tyme beynge. Any acte, statute/ or vse, heretofore made or vsed to the contrarye notwithstandynge.

☞ An acte for Yermouth concernynge makynge of Worsted̄es. Cap.xxi.

WHere at a ꝓiament holden at London the.xb. day of Aprill in ꝑ.xxiii. yere of our souerayne lorde the kyng ꝑ nowe is, & from thens adiourned to Westmynster the last daye of July, in the.xb. yere of our sayde souerayne lorde & there ended. It was ordeyned, enacted & establysshed, that the craftes men called worsted weuers, inhabyted in the towne of great Yermouth shuld haue power & auctorite by ꝑ acte, frōthens forwarde to electe & chose yere ly for euer on ꝑ monday next after ꝑ feast of Pentecoste, one honest man of the mystery & occupacion of worsted weuers, beyng a housholder within ꝑ said towne of great Yermouth, & hauing of his ꝓpre goods & cateis to ꝑ value of.x.li. at ꝑ least, or lādes & tenemēts to his owne vse of estate of fre hold at ꝑ least to ꝑ clere yerely value of.xx.s. to be warden of ꝑ same crafte & mystery of worsted weuers for ꝑ yere ensuyng, which man so electe & chosen shuld ꝑsonally appere before ꝑ mayre of ꝑ cytie of Norwiche for ꝑ tyme beyng, ꝑ monday nexte after ꝑ feast of Corpus christi than nexte ensuynge, than & there to be swoorne & charged by lyke othe cōcernyng ꝑ true & substancial makyng of worsted̄es, sayes, and stampns/ within the sayd towne of great Yermouth, as ꝑ foure wardens of ꝑ sayde cytie of Norwiche by vertue of an acte of ꝓiament made in ꝑ.viii. yere of kyng Edward the fourth, were charged & swoorne for ꝑ same cytie of Norwiche, & yf the sayde mayre happened to be ablēt, ꝑ said mōday next after Corpus christi, or els than refused to receyue or take ꝑ sayd othe. Than ꝑ sayd warden so electe within.iii. dayes nexte after ꝑ same mōday, shuld come before ꝑ baylyffes of ꝑ sayd towne of great Yermouth for ꝑ tyme beynge, or before one of thē the other beyng ablēt And than & there receyue a corporall othe for ꝑ true exercysynge of the same office of wardenshyp, after ꝑ tenour of ꝑ othe accustomably vsed to be gyuen to ꝑ sayd wardes of ꝑ sayd cytie of Norwiche. And than ꝑ sayd warden of the sayde towne of great Yermouth for ꝑ tyme beyng so electe & swoorne, might, ordeyne & appoynte a seale with this letter. Y. to be grauen in ꝑ same seale, & myght haue

full power & auctorite, to vewe, serche, seale, & seale in leade wt the same seale so to be appoynted & engrauen, & none other, al worstedes, sayes, & stamyns, within the sayd towne of Yermouth & subarbes of the same made or to be made, nat elswhere, in as large & ample maner as ꝑ said wardēs of ꝑ said cytie of Norwiche & the wardēs of the cōūte of Norff. or any of thē had within ꝑ sayd cytie or cōūtye, or in any wyse may do in ꝑ behalfe by auctorite or vertue of the aforesayd remēbred acte made in ꝑ said. vii. yere of kyng Edwarde the. iiii. Any thing in ꝑ same cōtayned to ꝑ cōtrary notwithstandynge. ¶ And ꝑ no ꝑson inhabyted within ꝑ sayd towne of great Yermouth or subarbes therof shulde weue any worstedes, sayes, or stamyns, wtin the same towne, excepte he be an Englyshe man borne, & had ben apprentyce to the sayd occupation, & without he weued there such proper markes as shulde be ympyted & appoynted by the sayde warden of ꝑ sayde towne for tyme beyng electe & swoyne as is aforesayd, vpō payne of forfeture therof to ꝑ kyng our souerayne lord. And ꝑ euery warden of ꝑ sayd towne shuld ympyt, distyncte, & seuerall markes to euery of the said worsted weuers of ꝑ same towne of great Yermouth. And ꝑ same marks by ꝑ saide warden to be regestred in a boke. And also it was further enacted ꝑ it & whā so euer ꝑ towne of Lynne shulde be inhabyted with. x. sondry housholders or more nōbre of housholders exceptynge & vsynge ꝑ said craft or mystery of worsted weuers than & frōhensforth, ꝑ is to say as longe as ꝑ same towne of Lynne shuld be inhabyted with ꝑ nōbre of. x. such housholders at ꝑ least, shulde be ietull to ꝑ same inhabytaūtes of ꝑ sayde towne of Lynne percyp in the mydday nexte after ꝑ feast of Pēchecost, to electe & chose of thē selfe one warden of the sayd crafte & mystery of worsted weuers to be of the value in lādes & goodes as is aforesayde of the warden of Yermouth, which warden so electe shold percyp be swoyne & charged at the sayd cyte of Norwyche, in lyke maner & of lyke day as is before ympyted to ꝑ wardēs of Yermouth, or in defaute of ꝑ sayd mayre of Norwiche, than the sayd warden so to be electe for ꝑ sayd towne of Lynne, to take a corporal othe before ꝑ mayre of the sayd towne of Lynne, within suche tyme & after suche forme as is before ympyted vnto the sayd warden of Yermouth. ¶ And ꝑ the sayd warden of the sayd towne of Lynne, for the tyme beyng so electe & swoyne by him selfe, myght ordeyne & appoynt a seale with this letter L. to be grauen in the same seale, and myght haue ful power & auctorite to vewe, serche, seale, & seale in leade, with ꝑ same seale so to be grauen, & with none other, al worstedes, sayes, & stamyns wtin the sayde towne of Lynne & subarbes of the same, made, or to be made, & nat elswhere, in as large & ample maner as the sayde warden of the sayde cytie of Norwiche, & warden of the sayd cōūte of Norff. or any of thē had within ꝑ sayd cytie or cōūte, or otherwyse myght do by auctorite or vertue of the aforesayde acte, made in ꝑ sayd. vii. yere of kyng Edwarde ꝑ fourth. Any thing cōtayned in the same acte to ꝑ cōtrary notwithstandynge. And ꝑ no ꝑson inhabyted within the sayde towne of Lynne or subarbes therof, shuld make any worstedes, sayes, or stamyns within the same towne excepte he were Englysshe borne & had bene apprentyce to ꝑ same occupation, & without he weued therin such proper marke as shulde be ympyted and appoynted by the sayd warden of the same towne of Lynne for the tyme beyng vpon payne of forfapture therof to the kynge oure souerayne lord. And ꝑ euery warden of the sayde towne shulde ympyt, distyncte

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and ſeuerall marbes to euery of the ſayde woꝛſted weuers of the ſame towne. And the ſame makers by the ſayde warden to be regyſtred in a boke.

And it was further enacted ẏ frō the feaſt of ſaynte Mychell the archaūgell than nexte folowyng, vnto ſuch tyme as the ſayd towne of Lynne, ſhuld be inhabyted with ẏ ſayde nōbꝛe often houſholders of ẏ ſayde craft of woꝛſted weuers and always after whan the nōbꝛe of .x. houſholders ſhuld happen to fayle, and nat be inhabyted in the ſayd towne of Lynne, the ſayd wardes of the ſayd cytie of Noꝛwyche & theyꝛ ſucceſſours ſhuld ꝓcure & cauſe one of thē ſelues, oꝛ one of the wardens of the ſayd craft of the ſayd cōūte of Noꝛff. ꝓpoſally to come & be euery .xx.viii. day frō and after the ſayd feaſt of ſaynt Mychel the archaungell, in, and to the ſayde towne of Lynne, oꝛ within .vi. dayes nexte after euery ſuche .xx.viii. day. And there to cōtynue & abyde by ſo longe tymes as he myght ſerche and ſeale all ſuch woꝛſtedes, ſayes, & ſtampns, made in the ſame towne of Lynne as than ſhulde be bꝛoughte to him to be ſealed within the ſpace of one hole day. And the ſayde inhabytauntes of woꝛſtede weuers of the ſame towne of Lynne bepnge, ſhulde contente and paye to the ſayde wardens of Noꝛwiche oꝛ Noꝛff. whiche ſhulde ſo come to Lynne in the ſayde .xx.viii. day oꝛ within the ſyxe dayes nexte after the .xx.viii. day, foꝛ his coſtes & expēces foꝛ euery tyme that he ſhulde ſo come to Lynne betwene the feaſtes of ſaynt Mychell the archaungel, and the Annuncyacyon of our Lady ſaynt Mary .iii. s̄. And foꝛ euery tyme ẏ he ſhulde ſo come to the ſayde towne of Lynne, betwene the feaſt of the Annuncyacyon of our Lady, and the feaſt of ſaynt Mychell the archaungell .ii. s̄. And yf the ſayde inhabytauntes of woꝛſted weuers of the ſayd towne of Lynne dyd nat contente and pay to the ſayde warden commynge to Lynne in fourme aforeſayde foꝛ his ſayd coſtes and charges the ſayde .iii. s̄. oꝛ .ii. s̄. as is aboue ſympteed. Than the ſame inhabytauntes ſhulde foꝛfayte and pay to the ſayde warden oꝛ to his executours, foꝛ euery ſuche defaute of payment .xl. s̄. And if none of the ſayde wardens of Noꝛwiche and Noꝛfolke come to the ſayd towne of Lynne foꝛ the cauſe aforeſayde in maner and fourme aboue remembꝛed that the ſayde wardens of ẏ ſayde cytie of Noꝛwiche ſhulde foꝛfayte and pay to the ſayde inhabytauntes of Lynne of the ſayde myſtery of woꝛſted weuers, foꝛ euery ſuche defaute .xl. s̄. foꝛ recompence of whiche penaltye & foꝛfeytes, the ſayde wardens of Noꝛwiche oꝛ Noꝛfolke bepnge therunto entyteled by ẏ acte by his ꝓpꝛe name with this addiction, that is to ſay (Unius gardianoꝛum oꝛ nup vnius gardianoꝛū artis ſiue miſterii terꝛoꝛū panni lanei vocat woꝛſted in ciuitate Noꝛwici, vel com̄. Noꝛff. As ẏ trouth requereth, ſhuld & myght haue accion of det, by wꝛit, bylle, oꝛ playnt in any cōpetent oꝛ lawfull court of this realme, agaynſte the inhabytauntes of Lynne, of the ſayd miſterye foꝛ the tyme bepnge by, theyꝛ ſondꝛy ꝓpꝛe names. And the ſayd inhabytantes by theyꝛ ſayde names with this addicion. (Terꝛoꝛū panni lanei vocat woꝛſtedes inhabitantes ville de Lynne ſhulde & myght haue lyke accion of det agaynſt the ſaid wardēs of Noꝛwiche by ẏ name of gardiani artis ſiue miſterio terꝛoꝛū pannoꝛū laneoꝛum vocat woꝛſted̄ infra ciuitatē Noꝛwici, vel com̄ Noꝛff. to be vſed to good cōgruptes of laten, & fourme of the lawꝭ of this realme, in which actions oꝛ any of thē none eſſoyn, ꝓtection, oꝛ wager of lawe ſhulde be ſuffred oꝛ alowed. And that the perticuler bodies oꝛ goodes of any of theſe ſayd wardens oꝛ inhabytaūtes beyng cōdēpned in any of the ſayde

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accions ſhold & mpght be put in execucion after ſuch maner & fo3me as is vſed in action of det by cours of ꝑ com̃ lawe of thꝭ realme. And mo3eouer it was enacted ꝑ al clothes of wo3ſtedes, ſayes, & ſtampns, made w̃in any of ꝑ ſayd townes of Lynne & great Yermouth, o3 ſubarbes of ꝑ ſame o3 any of them, & marked w̃ ſuch markes as ſhuld be ympted to ꝑ markers of ꝑ ſayd wardes of ꝑ towne in maner & fo3me as is aboue ſayde. And vyewed & ſealed by any of ꝑ wardes of ꝑ ſayd townes of Lynne & Yermouth l fo3me remẽb3ed, by fo3ce & vertu of ꝑ ſayd acte, mpght be lawfully put to ſale by ꝑ owners & makers of the ſame w̃out any other markyng o3 ſealyng vpõ ꝑ ſame cloth ſ o3 vpõ any of thẽ to be had o3 made of, o3 vpõ any of ꝑ ſaid cloth ſ fo3 lacke of any other ſeal ſ o3 mark ſ. Any thig cõtayned l ꝑ ſaid. vii. pere of kyng Edward ꝑ fourth to ꝑ cõtrary natwithſtãdyng.

❧ And ouer this it was enacted ꝑ euery craftes man of ꝑ ſayd myſtery & occupacion of wo3ſted makynge, dwellyng within any of ꝑ ſayd townes of Lynne & Yermouth, & ſubarbes of ꝑ ſame at they3 owne fre wylles & lybertyes frõthenfo3th fo3 euer mpght haue & take app3entyce, o3 app3ẽtyces beynge male of the age of. xviii. peres & vpwarde, & beyng ꝑ kyng ſ naturall ſubiect ſ fo3 terme of ſeuen peres, & nat vnder, ſo ꝑ none of thẽ excede ꝑ nõbre of two at ones to lerne / vſe, & exercyſe ꝑ ſayd crafte w̃in eyther of ꝑ ſayd two townes of Lynne & great Yermouth & ſubarbes of ꝑ ſame. All be it ꝑ father of ꝑ ſayd app3entyce o3 app3ẽtyces mpght nat expende in lãdes o3 tenemẽtes to the yerely value of. xx. ſ. Any acte o3 o3dinaũce to the cõtrary made o3 to be made natwithſtandynge.

Pro3uided alway ꝑ ꝑ ſame acte no3 any thyng therin cõteyned, ſhulde nat in any wyſe be hurtfull o3 ꝓiudiciall to ꝑ mayre of No3wiche o3 to his ſucceſſour, o3 to ꝑ wardes of ꝑ ſayd cytie o3 coũty, o3 to they3 ſucceſſours in any poynt, artycle, power o3 aucto3ite, other than fo3 weuyng, ſerchyng, & ſealyng of wo3ſtedes, ſayes, & ſtampns, made o3 to be made onely w̃in ꝑ ſayd townes of Lynne & Yermouth, o3 ſubarbes of ꝑ ſame, o3 to any of thẽ. And fo3 ympttyng of markes to the markers of wo3ſtedes, ſayes, & ſtampns, only inhabyted in eyther of ꝑ ſayde townes o3 ſubarbes therof. And takyng of app3ẽtices in fo3me aboue remẽb3ed But ꝑ the ſayd mayre of ꝑ ſaid cytie of No3wiche & wardes of ꝑ ſame cytie and coũtie, & euery of thẽ myght haue & vſe al other poyntes articles, powers, & auctoritꝭ, cõteyned & ſpecified in ꝑ aboue remẽb3ed acte made in ꝑ ſayd ſeuenth pere of kyng Edward ꝑ fourth. As wel fo3 ꝑ ſerche ſealyng, co3rection, & reko3macõ of ꝑ ſayd wardes newly to be elected by ꝑ vertue of ꝑ ſame acte. And euery of thẽ acco3dynge, & after ſuch fo3me as they might do o3 vſe. Any of ꝑ ſaid wardes of the ſaid cytie o3 coũtie by fo3ce of ꝑ ſayd acte made in the ſaid. vii. pere of kynge Edwarde ꝑ fourth. As al & euery other enqueries, co3rectiõs, ſerches ſealynges & reko3macions, to be had fo3 ꝑ true makynge of wo3Dedes, ſays, ſtampns, in, & vpõ any ꝓion o3 ꝓiõs as wel w̃in ꝑ ſaid townꝭ of Lynne & Yermouth as w̃out, without trouble, let, o3 veracyon of any of the inhabytaũtes of the ſaide towne, in as large & ample wyſe as they mpght haue done befo3e the makynge of the ſayd acte. Any thing cõteyned in the ſame acte to the cõtrary natwithſtãdynge.

❧ And alſo it was further ꝓuided & enacted ꝑ the ſayd craftes men of wo3ſted weuers, inhabyted, o3 after ꝑ to be inhabyted w̃in eyther of the ſaide townes of Lynne & Yermouth o3 ſubarbes of the ſame. And the marchaũtes o3 any other ꝓion o3 ꝓiõs which ſhulde happen to bye of the ſame craftes men, o3 any of thẽ

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or of any other ꝓfon, any of ꝑ ſayde cloth̄ of worſtedes, ſayes, ſtampns, made or to be made within eyther of ꝑ ſayd towne of Lynne, & Yermouth, & ſealed by the ſayd wardens of ꝑ ſame town̄, to be electe & ſworne as is aforſayd. And any of thē ſhuld nat ſhere, dye, or put in colour, or kalender, any worſtedes, ſtampns, or ſayes, made, or after ꝑ to be made within eyther of the ſayd townes of Lynne & Yermouth, or ſubarbes, of ꝑ ſame, in any other place, or places but onely within ꝑ ſayde cytie of Norwyche or ſubarbes of ꝑ ſame, vpō payne of forfayture of euery peace of worſtede, ſayes, or ſtampns, to be made within any of ꝑ ſayd townes of Lynne & Yermouth or ſubarbes of ꝑ ſame, or ꝑ value therof, ſhorne, dyed coloured, or kalēdred, by any of ꝑ ſayd craftes men, dyers or marchaūtes in any other place or places than in ꝑ ſayd cytie of Norwyche, or ſubarbes of the ſame The one halfe therof to be to the kyng our ſouereine lorde, & ꝑ other halfe therof to ſuch ꝓfon or ꝓſōs as ſhuld ſeaſe ꝑ ſame, ſo ꝑ the ſayd worſtedes brought to the ſaid cytie of Norwyche to be ſhorne, dyed, coloured & kalēdred, wout coyn or crafte of any of ꝑ ſayd inhabytaūtes & marchaūtes, myght be ſhorne, dyed, coloured, & kalēdred, at & by as cōuenyent ꝓce, or ꝓyces & in as redy wyſe as the ſayd inhabytaūtes of eyther of ꝑ ſayd town̄ of Lynne & Yermouth, & marchaūtes, dyers, of ꝑ ſayd worſted̄ or other of ꝑ ſayd cytie & cōūtie, had in tymes paſt/ or after ꝑ ſhulde haue. And alſo ꝑ the ſame inhabytaūtes & marchaūtes, & euery of thē ſo bryngynge ꝑ ſayde worſted̄ to ꝑ ſame cytie to be ſhorne, dyed, coloured & kalendred, were reaſonably & lawfully entreated accordyge to the ſayde acte made in ꝑ ſayd. xii. yere of kyng Edwarde the. iiii. & the ordynaūce made & affyrmed, or therafter to be made & affyrmed for ꝑ ſayd myſtery without let or diſturbaunce cōtrary to ꝑ ſame acte or ordenaūces in ꝑ behalfe. ¶ And it was further enacted ꝑ no ꝓſon or ꝓſōs at any tyme after ꝑ ſhuld cōuey or trauſport into any of ꝑ ꝑties of beyonde the ſee, any maner of clothes of worſtedes before the ſame clothes were ſhorne, dyed, coloured, & kalēdred vpō payne of forfayture ꝑ value therof. The one halfe to ꝑ kyng our ſouereine lorde, & the other halfe therof to the ꝑtie ꝑ wyl ſue therfore by accion or playnt or det in any of ꝑ kynges courtes In which accion or ſute no ꝓtection or eſſoyne ſhuld be alowed, nor ꝑ offēder admytted to wage hys law. As by ꝑ ſaid act therof made more playnly appereth/ which acte was made to endure vnto ꝑ next ꝑliamēt wherby it is now expyred. ☞ In cōſideracion wherof & for as moche as ꝑ ſame acte is a good & a neceſſarye acte for ꝑ true makyng of worſtedes, ſayes, & ſtampns, & very cōmodyous & profitable for the encreaſe of the ſayde townes of Yermouth and Lynne.

☞ Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our ſouerayne lorde & the lordꝭ ſpirituall and temporall, & the cōmons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, ꝑ the ſame acte and euery article, ſentence, & prouiſyon, therin conteyned, from the fyrſte daye of this this preſent parlyament, be and ſtande in full ſtrength, vertue and effecte. And to endure vnto the laſt ende of the nexte parlyament, any thynge in the ſame acte conteyned to the contrarye notwithſtandynge.

¶ Cum ꝓuilegio.